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SCHOOL STUNNED AS TRAGEDY STRIKES

'Deep sadness' at Brynteg comprehensive as road collision claims two lives THIRD TEENAGER 'CRITICAL'

THE pupils and staff of Brynteg Comprehensive School were in shock after two teenage students were killed in a collision on Ogmores Road on Monday night, with a third in a critical condition in hospital.

The two 17-year-olds who died have been named as Royston

Thomas and Alexander Jones, both from Bridgend.

The third teenager, who has not been named, is described as being in "a critical, but stable condition" at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.

The family of Royston Thomas paid the following tribute to him:

"Royston was very popular with everyone who knew him. He was part of a large group of friends who had been great friends for years. He was a joker and saw humour in everything. "Royston was passionate about cars and his proudest moment was when he passed his test."

The teenager's other great passion was rugby and he played at scrum half for Tondur RFC for seven years.

His family added: "Royston was a very proud Englishman."

"He adored his sister and was a loving son."

The parents of Alexander Jones also paid tributes to him.

His mum Lydia said: "Alex was a popular boy who had lots of friends. He was loving and caring and always smiling and laughing."

"I will miss his smile and his presence. He will be missed more than anyone can imagine."



ABOVE: Alexander Jones was "a loving son and a very talented all-round sportsman who will leave a void in the lives of his family and friends"

She added: "He has left a massive hole in my life."

His dad Stephen said: "Alex was a loving son, a keen and very talented all-round sportsman who loved being outdoors."

"We enjoyed playing golf and snooker together - he was always fun to be around and lived life to the full. He will leave a massive void in our lives."

The accident occurred on the Ogmores Road, Ogmores by Sea, at around 11pm on Monday, when the black Suzuki Swift the teenagers were travelling in collided with a wall.

The tragic and untimely deaths have

been greeted with deep sadness at their school.

The headteacher of Brynteg Comprehensive School, Mr Chris Davies, said: "We are deeply shocked and saddened at this tragic accident which has claimed the lives of two of our sixth form pupils and injured a third."

"The school is a close-knit community, and the teachers, governors, pupils and staff are offering each other support and comfort during this distressing time."

"Our thoughts, hopes and prayers are with the family and friends of all who have been affected by this tragic accident."

Hilary Anthony, corporate director for children at Bridgend County Borough Council, said:

"Our thoughts are with the family and friends of all who have been affected by this sad and tragic accident."

"The local education authority is offering support to pupils, teachers and staff at the school, and is making extra counselling and help available."

"We will be liaising closely with the school over the coming weeks and months to ensure that they have all the support and assistance that they need at this difficult time."

Coun Mel Nott, Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, and Coun Alana Davies, cabinet member for children and young people, issued a joint statement.

They said: "On behalf of Bridgend County Borough Council, we would like to express our sincere condolences to the families and friends of the pupils who have lost their lives in this terrible accident."

"We also hope and pray that the pupil who is currently in intensive care makes a full and rapid recovery."

Police are appealing to anyone who witnessed the collision to contact them on 101.

Former land girl (82) joins the Older People's champion for Armistice Day

THE Older People's Commissioner for Wales presented her annual review to the Secretary of State for Wales, Peter Hain MP, at the Commons on November 11.

The event coincided with Armistice Day and the commissioner was accompanied by several war veterans from Wales, including Mrs Joyce Collins from Bridgend.

The veterans' attendance highlighted the contribution that older people have made to Wales.

Ruth Marks commented: "In my journey across Wales over the past year, speaking to older people and hearing their views and aspirations, I have been left in no doubt that there is all too often a big gap between what should be happening and what is happening in reality."

Mrs Collins, formerly of Ogmores-by-Sea, was drafted at 15 and worked as a land girl in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Ms Marks stated: "It is very fitting to be holding an event that celebrated older people's contribution to society



ABOVE: Mrs Joyce Collins and Ruth Marks, the Older People's Commissioner for Wales pictured in Parliament.

on the national day of remembrance.

"Today's older people have lived, fought and supported our country through numerous conflicts and this is only a part of the reason why it is only correct that they

are granted the dignity and respect they deserve."

"We have to work together now to improve the lives of all older people today and ensure things are better for all our tomorrows."

Maesteg death

A 30-year-old local man was found dead at Bridge Street, Maesteg, late on Saturday night (November 14).

The man, who has been named locally as Dale Howells, was found under a bridge and is thought to have died by hanging.

In a statement, South Wales Police said: "We can confirm the sudden death of a 30-year-old man from the Maesteg area of Bridgend."

"There appear to be no suspicious circumstances and a file is being prepared for the coroner."

What you really need is Hairspray!



ABOVE:

Appearing in Pencoed Comprehensive School's recent musical, 'Hairspray' were (left to right): Matthew Grainger, Cerys Humphries and Rebecca Turner. (See pages 4 and 22 for a review by Philip Irwin and photographs by Mandy Thomas.)

Police appeal after Pencoed arson attack

POLICE in Bridgend are investigating a suspected arson attack on a flat at Hafan Deg, Pencoed.

The incident occurred some time between 9.30pm and 9.55pm on Tuesday, November 17, when a fire was set alight at the front door of the property. Fortunately, a local resident spotted the fire and extinguished it.

Police are treating the fire as suspicious and have appealed for anyone with any information about this incident to come forward.

Detective Constable Rebecca Merchant said: "We are treating the fire as suspicious and are investigating it fully. This is a very isolated incident in Pencoed and this type of behaviour will not be tolerated."

Anyone with any information about this incident is asked to contact Bridgend CID on 01656 679518 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

'Beware bogus police scams' - businesses warned

LOCAL businesses are being warned to be vigilant, after callers claiming to work for South Wales Police, targeted people in Maesteg.

A police spokeswoman said this week: that on November 10, a caller rang a nursing home in the Maesteg area, claiming to work for South Wales Police and claiming to be selling advertising space in a crime prevention magazine.

"In a further incident on October 22, someone 'cold-called' a woman in Cardiff who is setting up a business."

"They again claimed to work for South Wales Police and asked if she wanted to pay £250 to feature in a business directory."

South Wales Police Crime Prevention Inspector Steve Trigg emphasised: "South Wales Police do not sell advertising space and do not cold-call to do so."

"Fortunately, the peo-

ple contacted in these two incidents called us and no money was exchanged. Investigations are now ongoing to find those responsible for these scams."

"Our message to business and residents is, be vigilant."

"If anyone calls you claiming to be selling advertising space on behalf of South Wales Police, report it to us straight away via 101," he urged.

OGMORE AM WELCOMES COMPETITION WINNERS AT SENEDD EXHIBITION

OGMORE AM
Janice Gregory sponsored a special exhibition at the Senedd recently, on behalf of the Welsh Blood Service.

It had received more than 200 colourful designs for a Christmas card competition. Thirteen children's wards in hospitals in south, mid and west Wales, plus the children receiving care at Ty Hafan, the family hospice, entered the competition.

"Judging by the standard of entries, it was evident how much time and effort each budding artist had put into creating their masterpieces," she said.

To showcase the children's 'masterpieces', the Welsh Blood Service chose the Senedd to give a true Welsh flavour to the event.



"Representatives from all corners of Wales showed their support and attended the event which brought together organisations who, like the Welsh Blood Service, serve our country and community," the AM reported.

"Joining us and helping the Welsh Blood Service reinforce the message were representatives from the Armed Forces, emergency services, local charities, Assembly members, presenter, Amanda Protheroe-Thomas, the Celtic Crusaders, Cardiff Devils, Cardiff City FC, nurses, doctors and play specialists from our local hospitals, plus the stars of the show - many of the patients who had entered the competition and their families."

Edwina Hart, Minister for health and social services, had the difficult task of choosing a winner which will become the Welsh Blood Service official Christmas card. The winner's name was announced at the event by Gwenda Thomas AM, Deputy Minister for health and social services.

Real Radio played 'Father Christmas' as they donated all the prizes. Each hospital that entered the competition will receive a prize worth more than £100 and the overall winner was presented with a Wii

console and games. After the presentation the guests enjoyed tea and treats with Alice in Wonderland and the Mad Hatter!

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Contact the Welsh Blood Service on 0800 252266, or visit welsh-blood.org.uk for further information.

Left to right: Gwenda Thomas AM, Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services, Ogmogre AM Janice Gregory, Joanne Gregory RGN, donor services training and development officer, Welsh Blood Service.

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Welcome to Lions Club's 'Tree of light'

THE Tree of Light is a successful and well-supported project which has been run for four years by Bridgend Lions Club, in partnership with St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Ewenny Road, Bridgend.

On Monday, December 7, a large Christmas tree, decorated with more than 400 white lights and set up under the canopy of the church, will be illuminated at a short service of dedication.

The lights will remain illuminated throughout Christmas until Epiphany, January 6.

For a donation of £5 or more, a light on the tree can be sponsored by members of the public, who will have their dedication recorded on a

board kept alongside the tree for all to read.

Sponsors receive a commemorative card from the Lions Club to say that the message and their loved one's name, or the cause, has been recorded on the board.

To date, supporters of the Tree of Light have enabled the club to raise more than £4,000 for charitable causes.

This year's chosen charities are a handicapped children's trust and Mental Health Matters, which has a drop in and support centre in Bridgend.

As one of last year's supporters said: 'It's a wonderful way to remember a loved one and to benefit those in need.'

Tree of Light sponsor forms can be obtained by calling 01656 722605 or downloaded from the club's web site www.bridgendlions.org.uk

Cyclist says thanks to local paramedics

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the very compassionate people who kindly stopped to help me when I took a fall off my bike on Sunday, November 15.

The paramedics who do such wonderful work were amazing. Thanks also go to up and coming Cowbridge cyclist Ruby Ellis for her calm and swift reaction to the situation, and a supermarket delivery driver, who took our bikes home for us.

The incident occurred by The Tumble near Culverhouse Cross on the A48 road.

The assistance restored my faith in humanity, especially in the world we live in!

Ms Carole Cheeseman

'Remember the case of Dr William Price'

I HAVE been following the story of Maurice Kirk 'The Flying Vet', via The GEM online from southern California, USA.

As a Welsh expatriot, I am thoroughly appalled that a British subject has been called "a fool" for wanting to appear in *pro per*.

What came to mind was the case of Dr William Price of Llantrisant, who did just that, and won his case over cremation rights.

Is this because Mr Kirk's case is about the sensitive topic of guns? or is it because he has been found 'unfit' to represent himself after psychiatric evaluation?

I am sure that if Dr Price was to appear in *pro per* today he too would have been subjected to a psych evaluation - as let's face it, burning one's son is rather more 'out there' than simply wanting to sell an old gun!

Jackie McMahon-Williams, Sini Valley, California, USA

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Ogmogre AM's swine flu advice

JANICE GREGORY AM has today urged priority groups in the Ogmogre constituency to get vaccinated against swine flu.

Pregnant women, people with chronic conditions and those in contact with people with weakened immune systems are currently being invited by their GP practices to be vaccinated.

They are being seen first because they are most at risk from swine flu and its complications.

Frontline health and social care workers are

also being vaccinated.

The AM said: "I would urge all those eligible for the vaccine to take up the option as soon as possible."

"The vaccine has been tested and approved and is the best way to protect people from the virus."

"I would like to see a 100 per cent take-up of the vaccine to protect communities in Ogmogre and across Wales."

"For those not yet entitled to the vaccine, the advice is to stay at home if you have flu-like symptoms."

"You can check the symptoms by calling the swine flu information line on 0800 1 513 513."

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL NOVEMBER 26)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15-20 minutes earlier.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
19 Thur	09.04	14.2	21.27	13.9
20 Fri	09.41	13.9	22.01	13.5
21 Sat	10.17	13.4	22.34	13.1
22 Sun	10.51	12.9	23.03	12.7
23 Mon	11.27	12.5	23.46	12.3
24 Tues			12.06	12.2
25 Wed	00.31	11.9	12.57	11.9
26 Thur	01.31	11.5	14.08	11.7

'Free firework show was wonderful'

IT is not very often I feel the need to put pen to paper, for I do not believe in meandering through life constantly criticising others.

But I must say what a wonderful time my family and I had at the Hi-Tide Inn firework display on November 5.

We were really impressed with the whole evening, which was attended by hundreds of locals and tourists. It was a breath of fresh air, literally, for the weather was excellent for November.

It was well organised and well attended and it was FREE!

Well done and thank you.
Coun Wendy Ingram
Chairman, Porthcawl Town Council (tourism and events)

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School pupils hear about police work – straight from the horse's mouth!



ABOVE: Mounted police officers, Sgt Ian Roderick with his dog Comanche and PC Rea David are pictured with some of the pupils at Heronsbridge School.

POLICE horses and dogs paid a visit to Heronsbridge School in Bridgend, as part of the Home Office's Not in My Neighbourhood Week initiative.

The school, which draws pupils from across the region, was presented with a demonstration by some of South Wales Police's specially-trained dogs and handler Sergeant Ian Roderick, as well as a visit by police horses Danby and Yeoman, ridden by PCs Kathryn Eynon and Paul Rees.

The visit, which was hailed as a great success, was coordinated by PC Rea David, a member of

the Oldcastle neighbourhood policing team.

"The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils and their supporters. They were able to meet some of the force's drugs dogs, as well as see a demonstration involving police dog Comanche assisting in a mock arrest.

"After the dogs had finished their display, two police horses came along, and we held a question and answer session with the mounted officers about the horses and what they have to do.

"It was an excellent morning with everyone having a great time and learning a little more about what we do in their communities."



Police dog Comanche tackles PC Rea David in a mock arrest.

News from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) squadron CADETS OUT IN FORCE ON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

RIGHT: The Air Cadets assemble before the parade at Kenfig Hill.



EIGHTEEN cadets from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron ATC, under the command of Sergeant J Lloyd, took part in this year's Remembrance Service and parade in Kenfig Hill.

Foremost in their minds were those who have self-

lessly given their lives recently in conflicts, both in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The cadets who were chosen to lay poppy wreaths were: Cadet A Peckham, on behalf of Kenfig Hill Squadron ATC, and Cadet D Young, on behalf of the Royal Air

Force Association, Porthcawl and Kenfig Hill branch.

Banner bearers were Cadet Flight Sergeant Andrew Forsyth and Cadet Flight Sergeant David Webb.

LINDSAY THOMAS

PORTHCAWL STROKE CLUB NEWS

Tales of courage in adversity – and making festive plans

RECENTLY the Porthcawl Stroke Club heard a presentation about the nature reserve at Kenfig, from Graham Holmes

He said various species could have been extinct if it wasn't for such places as the Kenfig Nature Reserve.

Graham's enthusiasm was a delight to see; the talk covered the buildings at Kenfig, the wild habitat, Sker House and Sker beach and how changes have taken place through European Objective One funding and the hard work of staff and volunteers.

This was followed by a true story from Ray Stead, a stroke survivor, about the bombings in London during the Second World War, describing the hardships and how his family had to cope with bereavement of loved ones.

Members of The University of the Third Age – the Mitchell family originally from Marlas Road, Pyle, gave an insight to the world of story telling.

As members of the Porthcawl Stroke Club, we could visualise the stories, one of which was about the love affair of the Maid of

Sker, told by Meryl Smith.

Another concerned a mammy's boy from Maesteg, told by Rolfe Mitchell, which was so funny we were in fits of laughter. Fred Mitchell made us think about unexplained events.

The three story tellers were brothers and a sister of Jack Mitchell, one of the stroke survivors.

On October 14, a trip was organised by Ray Cross to Penderyn Distillery visitor centre, where members were able to buy items for Christmas, followed by

lunch at Tynewydd Country Hotel, Hirwaun.

On November 25, a lunch is booked at the Hi Tide Inn Porthcawl. Christmas lunch is at the Grove Golf Club.

Next on the agenda is a participated workshop with Lyn and Yvonne Guttridge on making our table centre ready for the festive season.

We were told in our last meeting that the Porthcawl RAFA Club has organised a show on Friday, November 20, (tickets £6) at 7:30 pm, with proceeds to the

Porthcawl Stroke Club. We would like to send best wishes to members who are ill and to Vera Crocker's family.

Unfortunately, Vera has passed away. She was quite a character and our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

Anyone wishing to join the Porthcawl Stroke Club can contact chairman Keith Duggan on 01656 773376 or Ray Cross on 01656 782190.

BARBARA MATTHEWS

Townswomen's Guild honours long service



AT its November meeting, Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild presented two of the ladies with long service awards.

Mrs Joyce Webb and Mrs Enid Garrett have been members of our guild for 25 years.

The picture (above) shows chairman Mrs Freda Rodger presenting Mrs Webb and Mrs Garrett with their 25-year badge and certificate.

Also at the meeting, Mr David Anderson took us around the Baltic in his talk on Baltic highlights, with slides.

On November 20, we are holding our Christmas fayre at The Fairways Hotel at 10.30am with plenty of stalls and a raffle.

Win your Christmas cake in a raffle, pick up a few bits for Christmas on our Christmas stall, have a lucky dip on our parcel stall, a book to read when wet and cold outside, hand-made Christmas cards for your good friends, and our home made cake stall will be hard to pass!

Proceeds are going to Ty Cornel, a Porthcawl-based charity.

DEE RICHARDSON

IN BRIEF

Christmas Og Fest!

ON Saturday, November 21, at 10am, there will be a food and crafts fair in the Ogmogre Valley Life Centre, organised by Ogmogre Valley Community Regeneration Association as part of their Christmas festival.

There are children's activities and an early visit from Father Christmas! Ogmogre Valley Male Voice Choir will add to the festive spirit.

Bridgend AM's surgeries

CARWYN JONES AM, Assembly Member for Bridgend, will hold a constituency surgery on November 27, at 9.30am-11.30am, in his Bridgend Constituency Office, Emllyn House, 36 Caroline Street, Bridgend, CF31 1DQ.

Saturday morning surgery operates with an appointments system. Home visits can be arranged by contacting the constituency Office, Emllyn House, 36 Caroline Street, Bridgend, CF31 1DQ; telephone: 01656 664320; fax 01656 669349; email Carwyn.jones@wales.gov.uk.

Mr JB Witheridge – 27 Glynstell Road, Porthcawl – single storey extension to rear/south elevation, extend dormer to front, new dormer to rear and garage conversion.

Mr and Mrs P Miles – Brynhyfryd, Ffordd y Gyfraith, Bridgend – retrospective application for portakabin for shower/toilet block at existing campsite.

Mr G Jones – 1 Penybryn Villa, Bettws Road, Brynmynyn, Bridgend – proposed detached garage.

Mr D Griffiths – 19C Tonna road, Maesteg – erection of a first floor rear extension above an existing ground floor lean-to structure.

Mr R Lucas – Gelli Aur,

Llangynwyd, Bridgend – extension of existing integral garage by 600mm.

Miss P Chislett – 29 Parc y Berllan, Porthcawl – garage conversion into bedroom.

Mr and Mrs Wyatt – 28 Barnardo Street, Maesteg – installation of uPVC conservatory to rear of house.

Merthyr Mawr Estate – Whitney Farm, Merthyr Mawr, Bridgend – replacement fodder and machinery shed.

Mr R Wain – 44 Maes Talcan, Brackla, Bridgend – dormer projections.

J & S Developments – 3 Bethania Street, Maesteg – conversion of a single residence into two two-bed-

room flats including three storey extension to rear.

Mr N Heard – 63 New Road, Porthcawl – construction of single storey rear extension.

BCBC Director of Resources – Grand Pavilion, The Esplanade, Porthcawl – construction of new entrance steps and disabled ramp on front elevation of existing building.

Church in Wales – St Mary's Church, Heol yr Ysgol, Coity – re-site painting from behind the altar to south wall in Lady Chapel and disposal of two pews from Lady Chapel.

Mrs J Thomas – Grove Farm Yard, South Cornelly – certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land/build-

ings for the repair/servicing of motor vehicles.

Mr J Collett – Jubilee Farm, Pyle Road, Porthcawl – change of use from stables to car valeting bay.

Comfy Build Limited – 20 West Drive, Porthcawl – remove existing balcony and posts and construct new balcony to front of house and new french doors to access balcony.

Mr A Gallagher – White Lodge, 8 Parkfields, Penyfa, Bridgend – conservatory to rear, utility room to side and first floor bedroom extension to front.

Mr GM Whitefoot – 10 Fairways, North Cornelly – single storey extension to rear.

Curtain Up at Maesteg for 'Seussical musical'

CURTAIN UP Youth Theatre in Maesteg is presenting its latest show next week.

Seussical the Musical is being staged at Maesteg Town Hall from November 25-28.

The show is based on the works of Dr Seuss, and includes appearances by popular figures like the Cat in the Hat, the Grinch and Horton the Elephant, from the film *Horton hears a Who*.

This is the latest in a series of extremely suc-

cessful shows staged by the group, which was set up in 2000.

Previous shows include *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Snow Queen* and *The Vackees*, *Dazzle* and *Honk*.

The group is co-directed by Ruth Whelan and Sarah Thomas and has 70 young members ranging in age from 6 to 17. Children are given the chance to develop skills in singing, drama and dance.

Three of its members have won the Bridgend Young Singer of the year

competition and many have gone on to study drama in university.

The youth theatre marks its 10th birthday next year and a number of events are being planned to mark this milestone.

There will be a grand tenth anniversary concert next July.

Tickets are available from the Town Hall box office or by calling 01656 732855. Alternatively, e-mail Catherine.Whelelan@sky.com.

Who wants to build what and where in the borough?

PENCOED'S MUSICAL OFFERING IS A GREAT GOODBYE PRESENT FOR MARY

TO be honest, this year I went along to see Pencoed Comprehensive School's production of *Hairspray* a little under sufferance.

I didn't fancy the show, with its message of how a 'plus-sized' girl from Baltimore (Tracy Turnblad) overcomes racism and segregation through her love of dancing.

However, it was the final show staged by Mary Jeffreys, the school's head of drama, and she and her pupils have an enviable track record when it comes to musicals.

The reality, of course, showed just how wrong I was about *Hairspray*, which is packed with jokes (in both the songs and in the dialogue) and really gives the cast a chance to stretch themselves.

And the audience reaction was one of the best I have ever seen at a school show. Simply put – everyone had a great time.

It is not a show that needs under-stated performances and, without exception the students let rip, going gloriously over the top when the occasion demanded.

In fact, the truly effervescent cast from Pencoed only needed the first two numbers in *Hairspray* to get you hooked. There is so much energy expended in the opening 10 minutes that you wonder if the cast can keep it up – but that isn't a problem.

The show starts with two high-tempo dance numbers – and there are plenty more to follow, but the school has such strength in depth when it comes to dancers that they just keep going.

What's more, because the standard of dancing is so high, the routines don't get repetitive. You really get the feeling that they have worked their socks off getting ready for this show.

I've praised Nicola Perkins' choreography at Pencoed before (particularly *Fame* three years ago). However, the programme notes show that she had two assistants this year, in Grace Warner and Kayleigh Walker, so congratulations to all.

Another challenge for actors as young as these is in getting the jokes across. The timing and delivery has to be right, and throughout the cast there was hardly a funny line that they didn't squeeze the maximum from – whether it was spoken or sung.

Add to that the musicians, under the direction of Rhian Yamin-Ali, who kept the energy levels high on stage, and never drowned out the performers.

Finally, the performers – and in *Hairspray* there are plenty of characters, and quite a few are a real challenge. There must have been a few who walked home after they had been cast and wondered: "Can I do this?"

Well yes they could – each and every one. So, as they say on *Strictly*, in no particular order, there is high praise for Sam Taylor (Corny Collins) and

by PHILIP IRWIN



Rhys Lewis (Link Larkin), who are both so good at turning on the instant charm that I doubt if there's a mother in Pencoed who would trust them with their daughters.

Perfectly cast were Eleanor Francis and Natasha John, who played Velma and Amber von Tussle, the two villains of the show, with panache and relish.

There was a star turn from Cerys Humphries, who unveiled a big rhythm and blues voice as Motormouth Maybelle, and there was some superb dancing from Zack Franks, as Seaweed J Stubbs.

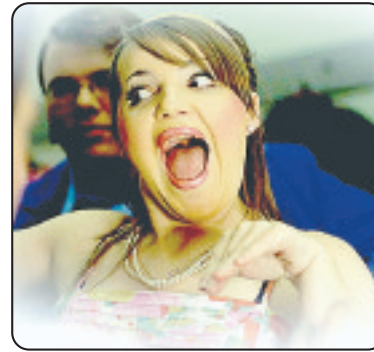
There was a great comedy turn from Lauren Halse, as Tracy's geeky friend Penny, who enjoys a miraculous transformation for the final scene into a drop-dead gorgeous vamp.

Peter Carter, as Tracy's dad, Wilbur, was the nice guy who gave her the confidence to follow her dreams, and Hywel Price, as Edna Turnblad was terrific. Hywel, surely must have wondered if he could pull off the role of an overweight housewife, but he came through triumphant.

Finally, it fell to Rebecca Baker, as Tracy Turnblad, to keep the whole thing bubbling along with her personality, her dancing, and her singing.

The audience has to like her and believe in her – and the best thing I can say about her performance was that everybody did just that!

(See page 22 for more photographs from the show).



LEFT: Hywel Price has never looked lovelier than in full make-up as Edna Turnblad.

TOP RIGHT: Rebecca Baker puts the finishing touches to Tracy's hair.

RIGHT: Natasha John leads the cast in one of the songs.



Bank leaves town after closure

KENFIG HILL is the latest community to lose its banking facilities, after the HSBC branch was closed.

Kenfig Hill residents will now have to travel to Bridgend, Porthcawl or Port Talbot to avail themselves of the nearest branch of the HSBC Bank.

The safes and office equipment were removed recently and taken away by lorry.



ABOVE: A crane was needed to lift the safes onto a lorry.

Town council honours canon



ABOVE:

At a recent meeting of Porthcawl Town Council, the Mayor, Coun Rosemary Deere, presented a town council Coat of Arms to the Rev Canon Phillip Masson for his services to the community. Canon Masson was ordained in 1978 and was the vicar of Pen-y-Fai with Tondy from 1982 until 1992. He moved to Porthcawl and became rector of Newton Nottage in 1992 and has served as director of training for the Diocese. He was made canon of Llandaff in 2002, and Canon Precentor in 2009. (Photograph by Keith E Morgan).

PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN



ABOVE: What's this? A cashpoint with no bank behind it?



DRAMA TEACHER RETIRES

OVER the past six or seven years that The GEM has reviewed Pencoed Comprehensive School musicals, one thing I have noticed is that, whenever our photographer appears, Mary Jeffreys tends to become invisible.

I don't know if it is modesty, or an aversion to cameras, or perhaps she prefers to let her pupils do the talking on stage.

It was the same with

her retirement announcement, which was made quietly in the programme notes with no great fanfare.

Typically, in those programme notes to *Hairspray*, she shares the credit for the school's current high reputation for music and drama with many colleagues.

My first memory of Mary is five years ago when she asked me to come out to the school to drum up some advance publicity for the school's version of *West Side Story*. She had two great female leads, but boys were always the

problem. She was quite upbeat though, and explained that the Sharks and Jets should look realistic, because they had persuaded several members of the boys rugby team to take part.

However, she said: "The trouble is, it's so hard to persuade them to get out there and dance."

Well, that show is still the best I have ever seen performed by a single school. (Actually, it's joint number one with Porthcawl Comp's *Gypsy*, but let's not be pedantic). Since then, the shows have not needed any pre-publici-

ty. *Hairspray* was sold out for all four nights, and that is no surprise.

The remarkable thing was that in a few years, she and her team had transformed the attitude of the boys, and in recent years, starting with an exhausting (to watch) production of *Fame*, it has been the quality of dancers – male and female – that has set Pencoed apart.

To emphasise the point, last week in *Hairspray*, the four male leads were all rugby players – even the one in drag!

Mary Jeffreys will be a hard act to follow. **PI**

Nantymoel Boys and Girls Club News

IT has been a good year for Nantymoel Boys-Girls Club.

In June, six girls, seven boys (all Welsh champions) travelled to Barmley for the National Pool competition.

Once again, they came home winners. Under-12 Shanon Matthews; under-14, Harriet Teal; under-19, Leah Spanswick; James Mathews, winner of the plate; Chris Edward, under-16 snooker champion and Bill Clayton under-19 runner-up.

TABLE TENNIS
Charlene Williams and Josaf

Jones were winners of the Fred Perry Shield for the third time.

Caitlin Williams will be representing Wales in Belgium.

FOOTBALL
OGWR GROUP

THE under-12 and under-19 were winners and will now travel to Manchester for the finals.

Crusaders First Street Rugby League competition, South Wales Police Ground: Nantymoel Boys-Girls Cub, Harriet Teal, girl player of the tournament; Cory Baker, boy player of the tournament.

NANTYMOEL Luncheon Club, is still going strong and meets

every Tuesday at 12noon.

KICK BOXING every Sunday morning, 10am-11am;

KARATE, every Sunday evening, 6pm-7pm.

Disco dancing starting as soon as the room is ready. Disco teacher needed two nights a week. Contact Enyd Lock or the Nantymoel Boys-Girls Club on 01656 840720.

SAD news for our youth worker Simon, whose grandmother passed away. He has had return home from Nepal to be with his mother and family.

ENYD LOCK
(CO-ORDINATOR)

Children First A DISCOTHEQUE for children under 11 years of age is being organised at Bryncestin memorial hall today (Thursday, November 19) between 6pm-7.45pm.

The charge is £1 payable on the door. Contact Jan on 01656 725546 for more information.

School's thanks THE Tynrhyl primary school, Llangeinor head-teacher, Mr Martin Griffiths, has thanked parents, governors and friends who supported the pupils' performance in the harvest festival ceremony held at Calfaria chapel recently.

The harvest gifts were distributed by the pupils to pensioners living in the village, and to those in the Tretopts residential home.

He was also pleased that the school was able to field a rugby team in the recent Keith Grice memorial tournament in Porthcawl.

The school is holding a discotheque in aid of the BBC's 'Children in Need' charity at the school tomorrow between 1pm-3pm - pupils can be in fancy dress or their ordinary clothes.

The school is still welcoming donations for the Christmas fayre, organised by the hard working PTFA, at the Richard Price centre on Friday, November 27, from 2pm.

Bridgend Young Singers of the Year

SUPPORTED by schools in the Bridgend CBC area and sponsored by Dunraven Windows, the organisers, Maesteg Gleemen male voice choir, will be holding auditions in Aberkenfig on Saturday, November 28 at 10am.

Ogmore Valley ladies choir and society

AT the coffee morning held at the Welfare Hall on Tuesday, November 3, more than £300 was raised for their charity of the

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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year, the First Responders.

They accomplished this from the sale of homemade crafts and cakes.

Unfortunately, they have had to cancel concerts throughout November, where the choir were going to perform to raise more funds for their charity.

This has become necessary through family illness affecting the musical director, who has been unavailable to conduct the choir in rehearsals.

The choir is hoping to perform at concerts from February 2010, assuming that the MD's family pull through their crisis.

South and West Wales Wildlife Trust

The coach trip to Bristol on December 3 has had to be cancelled.

The trust would welcome comments from visitors to the nature reserve at Parc Slip, Tondy, by completing a short questionnaire which is on the website www.welshwildlife.org and click on visitor centres, then 'Parc Slip'.

They hope to improve facilities at the reserve to what the public want.

Sarn Life Long Learning Centre

THERE will be a Christmas fayre at the centre on Saturday, November 21 starting at 11am, organised by members of St Bride's church.

It will give everyone the opportunity to buy small presents and goodies for Christmas.

Please do not forget to support the 'Christmas Box' appeal at the church throughout this month.

Charity concert

I recently attended a charity concert held at Zion Baptist Chapel, Maesteg on behalf of Christian Aid.

Even though the weather was atrocious, the chapel was full, and included the Mayor, Coun Steve Smith.

The entertainment was very enjoyable, and included the Maesteg Gleemen male voice choir, under their musical director Alun Hodges, together with accompanist Susan Hodges.

Items included 'When I fall in love', and a song arranged and adapted by accompanist Susan, of 'The flower that shattered the stone'. The choir has a varied repertoire of both English and Welsh popular music.

These were followed by brilliant 12-year-old, Rhydian Jenkins, this year's Bridgend CBC young singer of the year junior section competition winner. His rendering of *Panis Angelicus* followed by *Linden Lea* had the audience enthralled.

He was competing in the Gwyl Cerdid Dant festival, Riverside Theatre, Newport last Saturday against youngsters up to 16 years of age.

Also singing at the concert was the young female soprano Rhian Hughes, a soloist with Maesteg children's choir, with songs from West End musical shows and other popular music. One would have heard a pin drop, the audience were so quiet while she sang. She finished her performance with 'The Lord is my Shepherd'.

Both youngsters must be admired for giving up their free time to support such worth-

while causes.

Maesteg Gleemen male voice choir

THERE is singing at the new medical resource centre in Baglan Bay opened by Welsh Assembly Health Minister, Edwina Hart today (November 19).

The choir is also performing at the Front Line church in Aberkenfig tomorrow (November 20) in a charity concert to help the poor in Africa.

Saint Tyfodwg church, Glynogwr

THERE will be a coffee morning and table top sale on Saturday, November 21 between 11am-3pm.

The wooden seat kindly donated by Lydia and Clive Davies has been especially sited to take in the views of the hillside on the south side of the church.

The floodlighting which will illuminate the west and south sides of the church tower has now been installed.

St Cien's church, Llangeinor

GROUNDWORK has been planting a large assortment of spring flowering bulbs around the grounds, which should look wonderful early next year.

Aberkenfig and District WI EUNICE Williams (president) opened the meeting on November 11, welcoming everyone on a cold day.

'Happy Birthday' was sung to Dorothy Thomas, the treasurer, who unfortunately was at home with her foot in plaster after an accident the previous week.

The winner of the competition for an item beginning with the letter 'N' was Irene with a New Testament. The raffle winner was Hilary.

The afternoon was spent discussing the forthcoming programme for 2010 and the Christmas tree exhibition at Tondy Wesley Methodist Church to which Aberkenfig WI has been invited to decorate a tree.

The Christmas party will be held on December 9.

In June 2010, the institute celebrates its 29th anniversary and welcomes new members to help it celebrate.

Aberkenfig and District WI meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Main Hall of the Welfare Hall, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig.

New home for choir as choral suite is opened



PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN

The Kenfig Hill Male Voice Choir has a new rehearsal centre, after the Greenacres Motel in Cornelly opened its choral suite.



ABOVE: Win Griffiths, president of the Kenfig Hill Male Choir, in the company of Harold Phillips, chairman, and Don Daniel (secretary and longest serving founder member) welcoming Carwyn Jones, AM, patron of the Choir, Coun Clive James and Coun Luke Ellis.

RIGHT: Carwyn Jones with Mike Thomas, proprietor of the Greenacres, and Claire James, head of catering.



WI membership rising, branch AGM is told

THE AGM was held on November 10 at Pisgah Chapel vestry when president, Mrs Enid Rymer welcomed Mrs A Davies, who was acting as WI advisor at the meeting.

Treasurer, Mrs Eirwen De Vries, presented the financial report; secretary, Mrs Maureen Crew reported on the past year's events; and the president, in more detail, gave her resume of the year's outstanding meetings and outings. She thanked commit-

MYNYDD CYNFFIG WI

tee members for their hard work in the past year and all members for their support. She also announced that membership had increased in 2009 and that 2010 will be the 60th anniversary of the formation of the branch, when special celebrations are planned.

Mrs Davies then supervised the election of the president, officers and committee for the coming year which remain unchanged.

Prior to the AGM, and during the monthly business meeting, the president announced that the

sponsored walk and swim by members had raised £370 for the Porthcawl counselling service, this year's designated charity, which is run entirely by volunteers with no official financial help.

At the conclusion of the business, tea, coffee, delicious homemade scones, jam and cream were served and enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be the annual Christmas party to be held on December 10 at 2.30pm in the Pisgah Chapel vestry. **MG**

Strands by Shelley, Pencoed



Strands by Pencoed, is under new ownership. It has had a great refurbishment in a vibrant contemporary style. Strands by Shelley, situated in the heart of Pencoed, welcomes Bunty (formerly of Cowbridge) to the team. They also welcome back Michelle, who has returned from maternity leave. Strands by Shelley has a fully equipped beauty room and spray tan room which will be open from Monday, 23rd November. Book an appointment today and our professional and friendly staff will cater for all your hairdressing needs.

Dee would like to thank all her clients for their support over the last 12 years and wishes Shelley every success in her new venture - "I hope that all our clients will support her. She's a great hairdresser!"

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Have you ever thought about going back to learning?

Have you ever thought about going back to learning, but your past experiences are putting you off? Or would you like to brush up on a few of the basics to help you manage your money better, or write letters and e-mails more clearly? Or maybe you're looking for a job but don't know where to start? Bridgend County Borough Council's new Bridges into Work service is designed to help people like you, who want to improve their skills or get back into the job market after a long time out.

Sam Edwards, the Programme Manager for Bridges into Work, said: "The service is different from lots of other help available in the area because it's completely free and voluntary - once you join it's up to you what courses you do and how much support you take up.

"We know that lots of people who have had bad experiences of learning in the past may dread the idea of returning to the classroom, but our classes are quite small and very informal so they can help people feel more confident really quickly. It's also great because we're offering courses in lots of new places in communities that may not have had them before, so more people can have a chance to improve their skills without having to travel a long way to get them.

"And for those who just want a bit of support to look for jobs and fill in application forms, the service is brilliant because we can do one-to-one sessions built around the needs of the person looking for work."

Bridges into Work has dedicated development workers based all over Bridgend County Borough who can meet you somewhere close to home at a time that's good for you. They can help you to start thinking about new learning directions, building your confidence, or even to start looking for a job if that's what you want - it's up to you. Even better, if you get a job they can carry on supporting you for up to one year if you need extra help or training to help you with your new work.



Between now and Christmas, Bridges into Work will be offering short five week taster courses in communities across the borough - including 'Fabric Crafts for Christmas', 'Operate a Computer' and 'Money-Saving Tips' - for those who want to dip their toes in the water and try out what we have to offer. We'll also be offering some half day courses on first aid, manual handling and food hygiene for those who might be thinking about returning to work.



If you'd like to know more about any of these courses, or just more about the project, please get in touch for a chat and we'll do our best to help.

T: 01656 642605 Email: bridgesintowork@bridgend.gov.uk

This report did not appear in last week's GEM, due to circumstances beyond our control. Please see page 11 for more photos.

YOUNG TALENT TAKES CENTRE STAGE ON YOUTH SERVICE NIGHT

ONE of the best nights of the year in Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion is always the annual youth talent night, organised by Bridgend County Borough Council's youth service.

The formula is tried and tested by now. Singers, bands, dance acts and budding comedians from local youth centres take to the stage and are guaranteed a riotous reception.

One of the great things about the night is that, although one or two of them can be a bit overwhelmed by the occasion, the audience never gives them a hard time.

It's a night that makes you feel good about young people today.

The big winners, taking the prize for best dance act and for best overall were 'Remedy' a dynamic duo, Luke Morrissey and Jodie Nicholson, from Bryntirion Youth Centre.

They were a hard act to beat and another good dance group, the Contagious Dance Crew, had to be content with second place in the dance category.

In the vocal section, the winning act was 'The Starlets' from Ogmores Vale Youth Centre, with a solo act, Ayishia Williams from Wildmill Youth Centre, in second place.

In the bands section, the winners were 'Broken by Tomorrow' from Nantyffyllon, with 'Clueless' from Bryntirion the runners-up.

Finally, in the 'other acts' category, the winners were Gabrielle and Sally from Cynffig Youth Centre, with a comedy sketch. In second place were 'The Dreamers' from Ogmores Vale Youth Centre.

Photos by MANDY THOMAS
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telephone 07974 518347)
These and other pictures of
the event can be viewed on
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ABOVE:
The Wildmill Dance Crew from Wildmill Youth Centre.



ABOVE:
Dance group 'Valley Vibe' from Nantymoel.



ABOVE:
The UDC dance group, from Communities First.



ABOVE:
The Dreamers, from Ogmores Vale Youth Centre.



ABOVE:
The winners,
Remedy.

RIGHT:
Ayishia Williams
from Wildmill Youth
Centre was
runner-up in the
best singer
section.



ABOVE:
Katie Harris and Ellie Davies from
Maesteg Youth Centre.

BELOW:
The band 'Clueless'
from Bryntirion
Drop-in Centre.



ABOVE:
The Contagious Dance Crew were runners-up in the 'best dance' category.



ABOVE:
The Tinkerbelles,
from Bryncethin
Youth Centre.

RIGHT:
'Indigo'
represented
Bryntirion Youth
Centre.



ABOVE:
'AJ' was from
Bryntirion Youth
Centre.

RIGHT:
Shauna and Sophie
from Maesteg.



ABOVE: Lee (Ogmores Vale Youth Centre).



Pub quiz raises £250 for local Autism group



The cheque is handed over to the group.

THE Jolly Sailor public house in Newton recently presented a cheque for £250 to Bridgend Autism parent support group, raised in their weekly charity quiz.

The group thanked Pam and Jerry, the landlords, and also Kelvin, the quizmaster.

The money will be used to

help the group support all parents' carers and people with, or affected by Autism.

The group meets monthly and works to promote Autism, and campaign for better recognition and services.

For further information, contact Jill Grange on 01656 669973 or Carol Williams on 01656 783787.

Ty Hafan lottery

WINNING numbers in the Ty Hafan lottery draw number 592: ● £2000:

872419. ● £10: 894143, 383396, 794310, 408645, 491647, 869482, 412402, 652662, 878994, 624298, 814277, 136260, 442653, 692892, 509398, 415239, 815018, 271520, 381036, 813969. ● £5: 636959, 769347, 808270, 521712, 757718, 575917, 120591, 192227, 828797, 379364, 705821, 108156, 425103, 217071, 683118, 183087, 128151, 223376, 999651, 727407, 574280, 889115, 192170, 640518, 553547, 858647, 181586, 646460, 738886, 439894, 872077, 884473, 832323, 337325, 570716, 656207, 356505, 375644, 219362, 565344, 191032, 388252, 854371, 835857, 831815, 847030, 239658, 440729, 321666, 478780, 871717, 851706, 781066, 615423, 710402, 532433, 340656, 208840, 547889, 772952.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

BRIDGEND CHESS CLUB NEWS

Pawns are no match for unbeaten Time Lords

THE Bridgend Time-Lords maintained their 100 per cent record in the top tier of the East Glamorgan Chess League, with a seemingly comfortable 3.5-1.5 win over Cardiff Pawns.

International Master Roland Berzins dismantled Tom Brown's Caro-Kann defense on board one. Playing a novelty opening, Roland created an open, often crazy game, from which he prevailed.

IM Odion Aikhoje and his Alekhine defense made it 2-0, following a mammoth 72 move duel with Jerry Giachos. Paul Tew also beat Eimantas Pranauskas, with Femi Adebajo completing the scoreline with a draw against Charles Summers.

In Division two, Bridgend Borg found themselves on the wrong side of a 3-2 scoreline against Penarth Piers. James Thomas' win over Bridgend's Neil Stuart proved the deciding factor, as the remaining games were all drawn.

A crushing 4-1 win over the Barry Gambits has catapulted the Bridgend Jedi to first place in Division three. Wins from Sean Day, Adam Howell, Andrew Trickey and Damon Davies took them clear by one point.

Bridgend Chess Club had five players representing their zone on Sunday in the Welsh Chess Union's annual U-1500 Jamboree. Teams from west Wales, Gwent and east Glamorgan converged in Briton Ferry for the 10-board competition. George Treharne was the only east Glamorgan player to win both his games.

Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to stop west Wales winning the Jamboree. West Wales 13.5, east Glamorgan 11.5, Gwent 4.

East Glamorgan Chess League

Division 1	P	Pts
Cardiff Castles	6	25
Bridgend Time Lords	6	22
Cardiff Bishops	6	14.5
Nelson Unicorns	6	14
Cardiff Pawns	5	12.5
Caerphilly Kings	5	12.5
Barry Bosons	5	10.5
Aberdare Wasps	5	10
Pontypridd Stranglers	6	9.5
Cardiff Monarchs	6	9.5
Division 3	P	Pts
Bridgend Jedi	6	20

Barry Camelots	6	19
Barry Gambits	6	18.5
Pontypridd Phoenix	6	18
Pontypridd Marauders	6	17
Caerphilly Knights	6	14.5
Penarth Barons	6	13
Cardiff Crowns	6	12
Porthcawl A	6	9.5
Pentyrch B	6	8.5

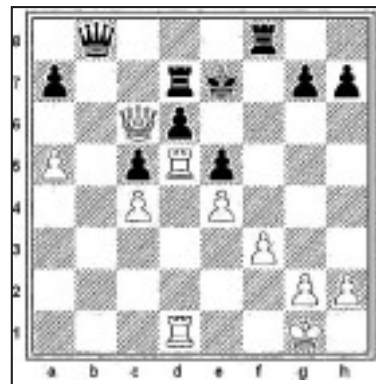
ANDREW TRICKEY

Chess puzzle

THE GEM has teamed up with Bridgend Chess Club to offer a new weekly competition. Solve the chess puzzle below and submit your entry to us. Each week there is a free month's membership to Bridgend Chess Club up for grabs.

White to play

MATE IN THREE MOVES



Puzzle: BCC-003

Closing date for

entries: 28/11/09

Entries to: The GEM, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL.

Email entries to: andrew@bridgendchess-club.org.uk

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Answer: Puzzle BCC-001

1. ... Qxf3 2. Qxf3 Rxd2+ 3. Rxd2 Rxd2

Winner: Colin Oatley.

Super stars of Trelales Primary!

TRELALES Primary School had cause to celebrate when Mr Williams and the Media4Schools crew did extremely well in the Sony Awards ceremony.

It was a star-studded celebrity event at Cine World in Cardiff and more than 100 schools attended, all hoping to take home one of the prestigious prizes.

Trelales won the top

award for 'Best Overall Film from a Primary School'. The children, William Watkins, Ben Patterson, Ben Hodgeson, Gareth Harfoot and Natalie Kirk were 'over the moon' with the result.

Quite right, too, as they'd worked extremely hard on the project.

They won a beautiful plaque plus a cheque for £100 and two new Blue Movie cameras. Well done, you super stars!

RW



ABOVE: The pupils are pictured with their award.

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Swine flu message to priority groups is get vaccinated!

THE number of swine flu cases is gradually rising in Wales as we experience the second wave of the pandemic.

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However, there are groups of people who are more likely to suffer from severe symptoms or complications from the virus, and in some cases even death.

The priority groups are those with chronic conditions, those in the seasonal flu vaccine at-risk groups, people with compromised immune systems and pregnant women.

Household contacts of people with compromised immune systems – for example, people in regular close contact with patients on treatment for cancer – are also being prioritised for vaccination.

The vaccine will prevent those most at risk from potentially developing severe illnesses from the virus.

The vaccine has been tested and licensed in the normal way and is the safest, simplest and most effective way of protecting people's health from the swine flu virus.

The vaccination programme will take a few weeks to roll out. Once

by **DR TONY JEWELL**
Chief Medical Officer for Wales

your local GP practice receives supplies of the vaccine, they will contact those in the priority groups to invite them to be vaccinated at their surgery.

If you are not sure whether you are in a priority group, you can find out more at www.direct.gov.uk/swineflu or by calling the swine flu information line on 0800 1 513 513. If this is still not clear, contact your GP practice.

We are also vaccinating frontline health and social care workers to ensure that we continue to care for the most vulnerable people in the community.

Once the vaccine has been given to those in the priority groups, it will then be offered to more people. We are currently discussing who should be included in the next phase of the

vaccination programme as supplies become available.

It is important to stress that the swine flu vaccine is different from the seasonal flu vaccine that's offered every year.

The seasonal flu vaccine does not protect against swine flu and vice versa.

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Mayor gives the Sparks children's charity a 'fantastic' caffeine boost!

THE Sparks children's charity which is trying to form a local committee, has benefited from a coffee morning hosted by Vale Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams.

Anyone interested in helping to form a Vale committee can contact community fundraiser (Wales) Nia Williams on 07852 451111, or visit their website www.sparks.org.uk

Nia said: "We are seeking to form a local committee, so would like to say a huge thank you to Coun Williams for allowing us to benefit from the coffee morning."

"We raised a fantastic £224, which will help babies to be born healthy and stay healthy. The money is helping Sparks to be there for the children and families who need us now and in the future."



Vale Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams and the mayoress, his wife, Joan, with Nia Williams, community fundraiser (Wales) for Sparks, and former international soccer referee Clive Thomas, one of the charity's celebrity supporters.

Life Savers' AGM

THE Llantwit Major Surf Life-Saving Club is holding its annual general meeting on Monday, December 7, at 7.30pm, in the clubhouse at Llantwit Major beach. All are welcome.

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NEWS FROM THE PORTHCAWL ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY

Dynamic Duke longs for caring new home

DESCRIBED by his handler as "Cheeky and determined with legs like a Queen Anne table", Duke is a one-year-old Jack Russell terrier cross who is looking for a new home.

When Duke arrived as a puppy at the Porthcawl Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) kennels earlier this year he had never been off lead and hadn't been socialised with other dogs.

"It meant he would squeal with fear when other dogs approached," explained Helga Collier, PAWS representative.

Several months later



Duke, the cheeky Jack Russell, with PAWS' Alexis Kirsten.

Duke thinks of himself as self-appointed king of the pack and loves charging around the PAWS field off the lead, but he is in need of a suitable home.

"Our aim is to re-

home the dogs as quickly as possible to minimise their stay in kennels because it is not an ideal environment for them long term", said Helga.

If you think you could offer Duke the loving home and controlled discipline he needs, or if you would like to arrange to see other PAWS cats and dogs looking for a home, please contact Helga (dogs) on 078149 26253 or Pauline (cats) on 01656 782843.

Alternatively you can support the rescued cats and dogs by making a donation to the PAWS charity shop, telephone number 01656 773307, which is open from 9.30am-4pm Mon-Sat and is situated at 3 Lias Road, Porthcawl.

NEWS FROM COLWINSTON/LLYSWORNEY WI BRANCH

At the AGM on November 9, Kath Jones, president,

read the Glamorgan newsletter - also reminding members of the next meeting on December 14, Christmas dinner at Colwinston village hall, prepared by Jane Morgan.

On November 30, members helped out at Colwinston village hall craft Christmas fayre, with the raffle, mulled wine and mince pies.

On December 3, there will be a Christmas carol service at St Brides Major church with Southerndown WI, our link institute.

Rhiannon Jones read last year's AGM minutes and Kath Jones read her annual report. She

thanked everyone for their support.

Eileen Bywater (minutes secretary) read her yearly report in rhyme and Chris Gill (treasurer) the 2009 accounts.

The new committee was elected for 2010, with Kath Jones as president.

Judith Lucas, WI advisor, gave an interesting talk on WI movements and institutes of Wales from 1915-2009.

Our programme for 2010, completed by Dolores Howells, again promises members a variety of interesting speakers, plus two theatre trips organised by Kath.

Visitors welcomed at our monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month at Colwinston village hall at 7.30pm.

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Samaritans' not very scary Halloween sale!

LLANTWIT MAJOR Friends of Bridgend Samaritans enjoyed Halloween fundraising with a great table top sale at the Llantwit Hall.

Great bargains, Halloween Lucky Dip and games, were all washed down with freshly cooked tea and Welsh cakes, helped us to raise £128.61, a spokeswoman reported.

"The fundraising group would like to thank the staff at Llantwit Major Town Hall, our very eminent and kind Town Crier, Mr David Wilson, and the Llantwit 1st Responders for their help and support.

"We would love to welcome more fundraising volunteers. Please get in touch with us, if you would like to help, on 01446 796471."



ABOVE: Llantwit Major Town Crier with Skyla McGreer in her Halloween costume.

Schoolchildren get up to date view of Jesus

SCHOOLCHILDREN in Bridgend recently had the opportunity to visit a travelling exhibition about the life and impact of Jesus Christ.

The LIFE exhibition, created by national Christian organisation COUNTRIES came to the Gospel Hall at Minerva Street, after spending September and October in Northern Ireland.

Around 500 junior children from local schools visited the

exhibition during the week. During several evenings and at the weekend, the exhibition, a multi-media experience with something for all ages, was open to the public.

The exhibition included DVD and music clips, and visitors used hand-held PDA technology to move through the exhibition.

The purpose of this exhibition is to give people an opportunity to think for themselves about who Jesus really is.

No-one else has done more

to influence the course of history, and to affect so many people's lives, and yet there is still so much misunderstanding around his life, death and resurrection.

Many people see Jesus as an inspirational figure, and we wanted to help people consider the meaning of Christ's miracles and teaching, and the impact of his death and resurrection, not just 2,000 years ago, but still today.

The idea of the exhibition is to take a look at what we know

about Jesus, and let people make up their own minds. The children who visited the exhibition here and in previous venues have really enjoyed the experience, and have engaged well with the technology.

The Gospel Hall at Minerva Street offers other free children's activities including a Sunday School at 2.45pm each Sunday, and a pre-Christmas craft workshop at 10am on Saturday, November 28.

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Parc Derwen project is still on schedule

DESPITE the recession, work is going ahead on a multi-million pound development just outside Bridgend.

Work will start on the £200m Parc Derwen development, on a 200-acre site north east of Bridgend, near Coity, described as "a new village style community."

Parc Derwen, a joint venture between the Welsh Assembly Government, Persimmon Homes and Taylor Wimpey, will provide 1,500 new homes and contribute more than £7m towards local facilities and amenities through a Section 106 agreement.

Speaking at the start of on-site works, Richard Keogh from Persimmon Homes said: "The consortium have been committed to the project through the economic downturn and



ABOVE (left to right): Richard Keogh, for Persimmon South Wales, Nick Richards, managing director of Walters UK, and David Thomas, special projects co-ordinator for Taylor Wimpey South Wales, at the site of Parc Derwen as work begins.

delivered the new Coity By-pass.

"We remain committed and hope that the commencement of works on-site will further contribute to boosting the local economy and ensuring local jobs.

"The site will provide much-needed new open market and affordable housing for people in the area and will facilitate the construction of a new primary school, footbridge over the A4061, community cen-

tre and playing fields."

Ieuan Wyn Jones, the Assembly Minister for the Economy and Transport, said: "This development is a significant investment by the private sector that will create a new village style community providing new facilities and amenities for local residents."

Walters UK Ltd, has been appointed to construct the scheme. Managing director, Nick Richards, is delighted with the appointment saying: "We are very pleased to be chosen to deliver such a prestigious project and boost to the local economy."

Parc Derwen will have a traditional village layout with an interconnected network of pedestrian friendly streets to encourage walking and cycling, with open green spaces, parkland and formal and informal play areas.

YOUNG TALENT TAKES CENTRE STAGE ON YOUTH SERVICE NIGHT

(Continued from page 7)



Photos by MANDY THOMAS (Available for purchase, telephone 07974 518347) These and other pictures of the event can be viewed on www.mandythomasphotography.co.uk

ABOVE: 'Born to Dance' represented Noddfa Youth Centre.



ABOVE: Amy Jenkins, who was representing Cornelly Drop-in Centre.



ABOVE: Emily Jehu from Cynffig Youth Centre.



ABOVE: The Tinkerbellies, from Bryncethin Youth Centre.

Young movie makers make their debut in three Porthcawl premieres

AS part of Sustainable Wales' 'Arts for the Earth' series, three new films are to receive their premieres on Tuesday, November 24.

The screenings, in association with the Welsh-Assembly backed arts group 'Academi', will be held at the 'Stage Door' performance space in the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, at 8pm.

The films are: *Coney Beach* by Eamon Bourke,

Lawrence Fisher and Lucy Minihinnick; *Mr Punch's Comeback* by Jaime Taylor; and *A Wild Hide* by Natalia Whiteside.

The directors have been studying at Sussex University, following a Digital Documentary MA film course. The films are their final pieces of work, all of which received high grades.

Margaret Minihinnick of Sustainable Wales, said: "We are delighted that former journalist and programme maker Bruce

Kennedy, who was head of factual programmes at ITV Wales until the end of last year, has kindly agreed to attend and offer an experienced critique to the budding film makers.

"*Coney Beach* is lyrical and poignant, dealing with an area local people will know well – Porthcawl funfair and Newton Burrows.

"*Mr Punch's Comeback* is a look at the dedicated people determined to keep traditional Punch and Judy entertainment alive in the UK.

"*A Wild Hide* is a wonderfully quirky film about seeking refuge in the unlikely places from our manic society," she observed.

"Altogether, the three 30-minute-long films make up a great night's entertainment – funny, original and moving. It's a marvellous chance for local people to see brand new films and meet the young directors, who will be available for a question and answer session," she added.

Entrance to Sustainable Wales' *Premiere Night* is £3. Tickets are available on the night from the Stage Door, or from Sustainable Wales' office at 41, John St, Porthcawl.

PAODS prepare for curtain up

PORTHCAWL Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society has announced the appointment of Simon West as the director for their forthcoming production of *Copacabana*.

"Simon is accomplished at all scales of production – from musicals and open air theatre to intimate small-scale studio work," a spokesperson said.

Joining him as choreographer is Emma-Jayne Parker, whose choreographic credits include

Stan Stennett Productions, Everyman Theatre, and Orbit Theatre Company. She trained at Olive Guppy School of Dance.

Rehearsals have begun and the society will be auditioning in December. Contact the membership officer, Owen Harris on 01656 743554. PAODS would also like to hear from anyone interested in assisting back stage.

PAODS' next stage appearance will be on December 1, at the Grand Pavilion in the annual carol concert.

Charity quiz

ON Friday, November 27, Porthcawl Animal Welfare Society will be holding a charity quiz and raffle at The Greenacre, North Cornelly.

Teams of up to four can register on the night for a fee of £1 per team member, with the quiz starting at 9pm.

For details, contact Liz on 01656 786487.

A trip to the Commons

THE November meeting of Sker WI was held at St. David's Church Hall, where president Nina Charlesworth welcomed 48 members and three visitors.

October had been an interesting and a busy month. Four members enjoyed an afternoon of

SKER WI

New Age Kurling, organised by Glamorgan Federation at the Recreation Centre, Bridgend and nine members attended the Federation Council meeting in Barry.

On October 30, 49 members of Sker WI visited Westminster for a guided tour of the House of Lords, but as the Youth Parliament was sitting in the House of Commons, members could not enter.

However, members were impressed to see over 300 young people so enthusiastic about politics and the future of Britain.

The afternoon was spent sightseeing and shopping in glorious autumn sunshine.

The president reminded members of Sker's Christmas fayre on November 20, at Trinity

Church Hall, Porthcawl, 10.30am-12.30pm; price 80p to include coffee.

Members were asked to supply items for the following stalls: craft, cakes, cards, books, jewellery and bric-a-brac.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs Jean Barraclough, who captivated her audience with her talk on palmistry. Members studied their hands, interpreting the shape of their palm, size of their fingers, the various lines trying to come to some conclusion as to their character!

The December meeting is party time, a fish and chip supper, followed by line dancing and other entertainment.

Ladies can enjoy all these activities as well as enjoying the friendship of others, so come and meet us and decide for yourselves. Get in touch with secretary Cynthia Sidey on 01656 786218.

BG

Ladies day

AN 'All about the Girls' ladies day will be held at the Seabank Hotel, Porthcawl, on Sunday, November 22.

Stands include vintage fashions, antiques and collectables, jewellery.

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The Christmas Charm of Cowbridge

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COWBRIDGE - AN OASIS OF CALM AMID THE CHRISTMAS FRENZY!

FOR festive shoppers dreading the annual nightmare of having to battle through congested city centre stores, laid-back Cowbridge offers a stress-free solution to the Christmas frenzy.

The point about this historic Vale market town is that it does not exist simply to attract shoppers – although they, along with other visitors, are always made welcome.

It is a 'genuine' town, not some faceless adjunct to a large metropolis – where people live, work and go to school, and where a host of local organisations join together for the good of the community.

For example, it has worked hard to preserve the timeless character of its main street, and to ensure that local shoppers and visitors are not confronted by the same old retail giants that dominate the scene elsewhere.

Instead, many of the shops are still owned and run by entrepreneurs, eager to put their personal stamp on their business by choosing stock that is notably different, or by offering services that are not always available elsewhere.

The result is that in Cowbridge every store is proud of its individual touch. However, that impressive main street through the town is just the start as far as Cowbridge is concerned.

Some shops have developed backwards or upwards, so that many are a little like the Tardis – with so much to see behind a modest facade.

Similarly, the little alleys and walkways that spring from the main artery through the town like so many capillaries, offer a home to dozens more businesses, all offering something different.

Wander down one side alley and you will find a range of arts and crafts; down another there will be distinctive Christmas gifts; in the next there will be a café or beer garden – or a chocolatiere, or a fashion shop, or an antique specialist... *The list goes on...*

What is more, because this mellow rural town lends itself to a meandering shopping experience, with no stress or time pressure, cafes, pubs and restaurants have all found it a great place to do business.

The businesses, in many ways, are interdependent, with each feeding off the success of the others. It is tempting to look at Cowbridge and say that it has all happened by accident, but that would be well wide of the mark. The retail shape of the town – and the fact that it is such a popular place to visit, is down to a number of key organisations.

The town council, for instance, is a body that sees the preservation of Cowbridge's distinctiveness as its main priority. In some town councils, there is more than a little political infighting – but it is fair to say that Cowbridge is relatively free of that.

There are, of course, different political parties represented on the council, but time is rarely wasted on point scoring. Debates can be heated, but the point at issue is always whether the town will benefit from any project or plan.

Another organisation that works very hard for the town is the Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.

PHILIP IRWIN extols the virtues of a town where community values still count

Again, there is precious little hand-wringing about the good old days, or moaning about supposed advantages given to rival traders elsewhere.

The focus of the organisation is on raising the profile of the town, and on seeing what it can do to make things happen.

And, thanks to the chamber of trade, plenty of things do happen in the town... The annual reindeer day parade (just around the

corner now on November 29) has become an absolute must on the pre-Christmas calendar – as young children get the chance to get close to a real live reindeer (and a real live Santa!).

Things don't just happen at Christmas time, of course. It is only a few weeks since the town was buzzing as it hosted its annual Food and Drink Festival – an event that has clearly gone from strength-to-strength in recent years.

Fashion Week, which moved this year from the spring to the autumn, is another popular event that both raises the profile of the town, and gives visitors something special to remember the town by.

It was an event that was enthusiastically backed by chamber of trade members and, as a real bonus, it raised a

sizeable amount of cash for Ty Hafan children's hospice.

Yet another group that has done great work for the town is the Cowbridge Charter Trust – and their achievements are impressive.

Those involved in the trust have used their expertise to identify areas in the town that are eligible for grant aid – and they then tackle the often labyrinthine task of satisfying the red tape requirements of grant-awarding bodies.

A current example of what they can achieve for the town, is the work that is currently under way on repairing the historic (but in parts delapidated) town walls.

However, the most impressive project, in which the trust was a key partner, has to be the town's physic garden, which has become

a peaceful haven in the bustling town, with its geometric gardens and a wealth of information about the medicinal qualities of the many plants to be found there.

Of course, community projects such as the physic garden come about through a number of partners working together, and Creative Rural Communities, the Vale Council's body that funnels grant aid to the rural Vale had a big part to play in this.

Finally, the garden was able to be completed – with a fountain, pergolas, and other items, thanks to sponsorship from local people and businesses who wanted to lend their own support – again demonstrating the town's close sense of community.



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that!" The competition is for the best artwork of a decorated Christmas tree – in any form.. It could be a painting, poster, anything at all in two dimensions, or even three!

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Completed entries can be posted in the competition box at The Downs Christmas Tree site, or at Amici in Cowbridge High Street.

Winning entries will be displayed at the Downs Christmas Tree site.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday, December 9.

The winner of each section will be able to choose a Christmas tree to a maximum value of £40 on Saturday, December 12.

The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

REINDEER PARADE WILL LAUNCH A TRADITIONAL COWBRIDGE CHRISTMAS!

THE Cowbridge Reindeer Parade, which this year takes place on Sunday, November 29, has traditionally marked the launch of Christmas events and activities in the town – and this year is no exception.

Once the reindeer have returned home to the far north, there will be plenty more to see and do in December.

However, the parade has established itself as an event that really gets

the young children excited, and it will be following the tried and tested format.

The chairman of the chamber of trade, Alun John, told The GEM: "There will be music from the stage outside the town hall from 11am – all leading up to the parade, which starts at noon."

The parade should return to the town hall by 12.45pm, and Santa will be saying a few words of welcome before retiring to his grotto to await visiting children.

The reindeer will be in a pen behind the town

hall so that children can get a close-up look. Also, in the Arthur John car park, there will be a fair throughout the day.

Throughout the afternoon, there will be a mixture of live acts and music on the stage, before the official switch-on of the town's Christmas lights, which this year will be carried out by TV newsreader Lucy Owen, at 5pm.

Alun John added: "I think this is an event that shows the town in a great light, with the chamber of trade and a range of voluntary organisations working together."

"The chamber pays for the reindeer – it is our thank you to our customers, and the event is free."

"There will be collectors, but any donations will be distributed to Lions' charities."

Following on rapidly from the reindeer parade, traders are getting together to present a 'traditional shopping night' on Thursday, December 3.

Awen Evans of the chamber of trade told

The GEM: "A late night opening evening during the recent fashion week was a great success, so we are planning something similar – but with a Christmas flavour."

"Some shops will be offering mulled wine, and there should be a hot chestnut stall. Other shops are planning their own way of welcoming Christmas customers."

She said that the organisers were in the process of arranging a charity gift-wrapping service.

She added: "We want to recreate the atmosphere of a really traditional Christmas shopping experience in the town."

Finally, throughout the month of December, the chamber of trade is throwing its weight behind a campaign to encourage as many shops as possible to open on the Sundays.

Alun John said: "We are really keen on making December special this year, and I am urging all traders to promote their business by joining us in opening."

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A Christmas message from the town mayor

THE Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Jon Harris, has extended a warm welcome to everyone visiting the town during the run-up to Christmas.

He said: "The town is

once again looking forward to Christmas and our celebrations start with the switching on of the lights on Sunday, November 29.

"Newsreader Lucy Owen will be our celebrity guest at the switching-on."

Coun Harris welcomed all children to Cowbridge to see Father Christmas arrive in his sleigh, pulled by real reindeer. They go right through the town to give everyone a chance to see them and are a source of huge delight.

After the parade, Father Christmas goes to his grotto at the Town Hall.

Coun Harris said that traders always put on a spectacular show at Christmas.

He added: "Although there's no doubt that some have found trading difficult lately, Cowbridge has stood up well and we look forward with increasing confidence to the future and to Cowbridge maintaining its unique position in the Vale."

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SPECIAL THREE PAGE GEM FEATURE

Personal service makes all the difference!

IT may be something of a cliché, but traders in Cowbridge reckon that the personal service they offer customers really

does matter.

As the town gets ready for Christmas, traders told The GEM they are optimistic that Cowbridge will draw people in because of the quality and variety of

shopping on offer.

Although the town is in direct competition with the big new stores just opening in Cardiff, the view was that people have gone along to see what's on offer but have

by JAYNE ISAAC

been unimpressed.

"We offer personal service to our customers who cannot find it in the larger city centre department stores," said Emma Hartmann of High Society and Havana.

"We are fighting back and the one thing that is key is the fact that we know many of our customers and can offer them a level of service which larger shops cannot match."

Emma, who is secretary of the Chamber of Trade, said that there was a buzz among traders who have been busy promoting the town.

"People are very positive. We have had a difficult year but things are definitely picking up."

"Our events have been a success and our

next one will be the late night shopping on December 3, when all participating shops will be offering mulled wine and mince pies plus some live music to shoppers."

"I know this will be a great evening for everyone."

From November 29, there will be Sunday opening in the town and it is hoped that more shops than ever will join in, so that visitors can enjoy a worthwhile shopping experience.

"We also have some new shops opening up," said Emma. "A new boutique has opened in Eastgate, which will help draw people up to that end of town and I know other empty premises have been taken over and are due to re-open."

Julie Union, manager of Colours, said that the shop was drawing in people from a wide area, as far afield as Swansea: "Business is building

up for Christmas. People have started buying their party frocks but we are also getting people looking for wedding outfits, as winter weddings seem to be more popular."

Sue Marshall of the Lois boutique said that she had been busy and trade was building up. "People are buying party clothes, but also quite a lot of casual clothes, and knitwear is very big this year," she added.

"The town itself seems quite busy, despite the awful weather we have had in the past few days. I am looking forward to Christmas."

"The boutique has been in Cowbridge for 40 years so it has weathered recessions in the past. I took it over two years ago."

Olwen Anderson, who owns the Celtic Knot Welsh gift shop, said that it had been a dreadful year, but her business was now improving.

"There is the start of a turn around. People have

been afraid of spending because of uncertainty about the economy but despite that, we have held our own."

"Things are picking up and people have started shopping for Christmas presents."

The Chamber of Trade is now working with Creative Rural Communities to market Cowbridge and ideas being considered include encouraging more shopping trips to the town as

part of a tourism drive which would also benefit restaurants, hotels and attractions like the physic garden.

And it is hoped to get every business in the town to start its January sale on the same day so that there can be a full-scale launch.

"If everyone has a sale together, we can market Cowbridge very effectively and draw in the bargain hunters," a spokeswoman added.



Santa will soon be on his way to Cowbridge for the annual Reindeer Parade (see left for full details).

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Thinking of starting your own business? Cowbridge group are on the look-out for young entrepreneurs

THE Cowbridge-based group Creative Rural Communities (CRC) specialises in making funding available for projects that can improve the rural Vale.

The GEM asked Nia Hollins of CRC to give one example of its work, and she chose to highlight a project

that can help young entrepreneurs make a start in business.

She wrote: **CHRISTMAS is the time to slow down, relax and obviously eat a mince pie or two!**

Before you know it, the build up to the New Year begins, you may begin to contemplate what the year ahead will bring.

How about realising that dream of being your own boss?

The 'Inspiring the Vale Bursaries' is a grant scheme to help the young people of the rural Vale set up in business.

Are you a budding entrepreneur who has the ambition and drive to run your own business? Perhaps a friend or a member of your family has an idea to start up their own business?

Up to £3,000 is available to set up a business or community enterprise in the rural area. The bursaries are available to individuals or groups, to support full-time, part-time or even spare-time ventures.

All applicants must be aged 30 or below and either currently live, or

have lived in the rural Vale in the past five years.

The project has received funding through the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007-2013, which is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

Creative Rural Communities is a regeneration and economic development initiative led by the Vale Council in partnership with various public, private and voluntary sector organisations.

To find out more about the scheme, contact Nia Hollins on 01446 775388 or email nhollins@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

A good cause for Christmas



National charities benefit from the card sales.

THE Cards for Good Causes shop in Cowbridge has opened its doors and is doing brisk business.

The shop sells charity cards from a variety of national charities plus "guest" local charities that each shop can choose itself.

The shop in Cowbridge is held in part of Old Hall and has its own door onto the high street.

One of those who organise this is Georgina Glover, who said that Old Hall had been very accommodating to the organisation over the years.

"We have our regular customers who know

where to find us," she said. "We also have a high profile because we have our board and banner outside. We are having new people call in as well as long standing supporters."

The organisation donates 75p in every £1 to the charities involved, keeping the rest for overheads. All the staff are unpaid volunteers.

The shop is open Monday to Saturday from 10am-4pm and will trade until December 15.

"We have terrific support and take more money than many of the other shops in bigger towns," added Mrs Glover. "We are very grateful to everyone who uses our shop to buy their cards."

Rhose burglary: police issue appeal

POLICE in the Vale are investigating a burglary which occurred at around 10.15pm on Sunday, November 15, at a house on Readers Way in Rhose.

The thief gained access to the house through an unlocked front door and left with a wallet and a mobile phone.

Detective Constable Lee Davies of Barry CID said: "We have had reports of four young men in their late teens or early 20s who were seen in the vicinity of Readers Way and Heol Peartree in Rhose."

"We would like to hear from anyone who may

have seen any suspicious people in the area on Sunday night. We also believe these four men travelled to and from the area in a motor car."

"One of the men was wearing a grey hooded top with black horizontal stripes, the second was wearing a dark top with a single white stripe down each sleeve and the other two were also wearing dark coloured tops."

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Constable Lee Davies at Barry CID on 01446 731606 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

MP calls for traffic lights on Barry road

VALE MP, John Smith, has called on the Vale Council to install traffic lights on Barry Docks Link Road to improve safety.

Mr Smith told The GEM: "While the Vale Council has already taken some action to reduce the dangers on this vital road link, they should immediately commit some of their large financial reserves to install traffic lights at the dangerous junctions at Coldbrook Road East and Argae Lane."

"For a Vale officer to indicate that traffic lights could result in minor rear end shunts between cars at such a junction when there have been serious accidents at this junction is unbelievable."

Mr Smith said he supported the work of local councillors Neil Moore, Anne Moore and Fred Johnson in highlighting safety issues.

He said: "The Vale Council had over £40 million in its reserves last year. Surely a set of traffic lights and a suitable roundabout would not reduce these reserves to a dangerous level."

"If the council feels that it cannot spend its reserves, then why not cancel the proposed Dinas Powys Bus Lane?" "There is strong local opposition to the bus lane from Dinas Powys Community Council, many local residents and others."

"Recent reports to the council indicate that this scheme does not qualify for a transport grant and the officers are seeking alternative funding for this unwanted scheme. I believe saving lives on

the Barry Docks Link Road is more important than helping a bus to keep to its timetable."

Miles Punter, the Vale's head of visible services, told The GEM: "The council's cabinet recently allocated a sum of £30,000 to introduce a lay-by for police speed checks and a surveillance camera on the Docks Link Road."

"The cabinet also agreed a sum of £20,000 to undertake a study of the Coldbrook Road East and Argae Lane junctions to establish the options available to improve safety at these particular locations."

"The cabinet will be asked to consider the outcome of this study early next year and to take decisions on any funding implications."

Mr Punter added: "The bus lane works at the Merrie Harrier complete the junction improvements scheme at this location. It would not be possible to use the funding required for the conclusion of this scheme to fund works on the Docks Link Road."

This particular funding is provided by the Welsh Assembly Government, specifically in support of this scheme."

2012 IS A BOMBASTIC SLICE OF DISASTER ENTERTAINMENT!

THERE are seemingly fewer directors that have such a misanthropic attitude than that of Roland Emmerich.

The German helmer seems to take great delight in placing the human race in all kinds of peril, from the alien invasion of *Independence Day* to the extreme weather conditions of *The Day After Tomorrow*.

His latest film, *2012*, is less a fictional account of the London Olympics, and more about the ancient Mayan prophecy that the world will end in the titular year.

John Cusack, Danny Glover, Amanda Peet, Chiwetel Ejiofor, and Woody Harrelson are among those who must battle against the elements as the future of the human race diminishes at an alarming rate...

God bless Roland Emmerich. While film studios buckle under the financial weight of producing blockbuster movies that may or may not recoup the costs involved, the director is renowned for running a tight ship, his films having smaller budgets than many other big event films.

Not that you would know it from watching *2012*, a film so stupendously reliant on effects that the slightest misstep could derail the whole thing, but one that not only looks excellent, but is also Emmerich's strongest work in a long time.

The director isn't shy about bringing a bombastic element to the screen, and here he wreaks carnage on a level unseen in any of his previous works – think the aliens blowing up the White House in *Independence Day* was dramatic? Wait until you see (ironically enough) the *USS John F Kennedy* go careering through the Oval office on the crest of a tsunami; subtlety is a word Emmerich positively ignores.

Thankfully, he shows enough presence of mind to go beyond merely being brash for the sake of it, allowing the destruction on show to

be married to a narrative that certainly comes with a second-hand, and somewhat silly, feel.

He may make the occasional mis-step here and there, with a slow pace post-blowing-everything-up and being unable to self-edit, with the film crashing in at the rather overlong time of 158 minutes; but amid the carnage he gives ample time to the human interest of the story.

Indeed, the director doesn't do a bad job in the quieter moments, giving his well put-together cast the opportunity to do more than simply react to bangs and crashes.

Leading the pack are John Cusack and Chiwetel Ejiofor, the former bringing his laconic charm and dependability to a familiar and well worn role.

It's almost a staple of the genre to find a divorced dad reconnecting with his wife and/or children, but Cusack takes a path well trodden and offers something, if not new, then certainly memorable enough to avoid falling into predictable cliché (apart from when the story demands of course).

The latter brings a wonderful sense of gravity to the role as the man who knows just what is going to happen unless steps are taken, and delivers a turn that will hopefully give the talented Brit even more of a reputation, anchoring the film with a strong turn.

An array of supporting actors all do a fine job with varying amounts of screen time. Amanda Peet, Thandie Newton, Danny Glover and Oliver Platt (the latter particularly slimy as the film's concessionary villain) all giving good turns; but the real star of the show is the effects, and as superb as they are, the cast deserve credit for giving the film a little more depth than your average crash 'n' bang film.

Emmerich's script, co-written with his 10,000 BC partner in crime Harald Kloser, may eschew logic for story-line purposes (have no fear, though the world may be on verge of collapse you can still use your mobile phones), but

follows the disaster-movie template with flair, throwing in a clever update that Noah would certainly be proud of and giving the third act a degree of momentum by switching to moral conundrum rather than have characters running away from yet another shifting land-mass.

Certainly, all the ingredients are patently ludicrous, the visuals over the top, the characters and narrative turns clichéd and an overall feeling of bombast for the sake of it – yet Emmerich still manages to steer it into an end product that is undoubtedly entertaining.

Its cinematic worth may be nil, but ultimately what counts is whether or not a film can entertain at its most basic level – and *2012* manages that with aplomb.

VERDICT – Daft, and

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

verging on the ludicrous, but no less entertaining for it, *2012* is another Roland Emmerich special, marrying bombastic (but perfectly rendered) visuals within the traditional genre template.

It loses points for a ponderous middle and bloated running time, but as a disposable piece of popcorn entertainment it's hard to argue with.

Enjoyable.

Henri says farewell to his flowing locks

A VALE student will soon be saying goodbye to a fine head of hair – and he will be making the sacrifice to raise funds for Ty Hafan.



Henri Armelin.

To celebrate Ty Hafan's 10th anniversary, a local sixth form student, Henri Armelin, is looking for support and sponsorship for his 'Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow' event, which is scheduled for November 27.

Henri plans to lose all his much loved locks to raise cash for the hospice.

He told The GEM: "I am sure my friends will give me some stick after it's cut, but if I can raise some serious cash for Ty Hafan, it will be worth it."

"Besides, a haircut is nothing compared to what the kids in the hospice go through, and kids with cancer often lose all their hair when they have chemotherapy."

Stas Asprou of Asprou Gents Hairdressers in Broad Street, Barry, will perform the hair-raising event – which is planned as a fun showpiece at the Christmas Fayre at Westbourne School, Penarth, on Friday, November 27.

In the meantime, Henri plans to canvass everyone he knows to support the big chop.

He said: "I've already written to many local companies, and to the

director of rugby at the Cardiff Blues, hoping some of the squad will sponsor me – especially as I'll probably end up looking like Tom Shanklin."

Henri attends Westbourne Sixth Form College, where he is studying higher level maths, Physics and chemistry for his International Baccalaureate (IB) qualification.

Mr Underhill, head-teacher at Westbourne School, said: "This is a really great idea Henri has come up with. "It demonstrates maturity, and shows a responsible attitude towards the local community, two attributes the IB programme actively encourages."

"The school supports him 100 per cent. I am sure the staff and students will be queuing up to sponsor Henri"

Should anyone like to sponsor Henri, send a cheque payable to Ty Hafan, to the following address: The head-teacher, Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow sponsorship co-ordinator, Westbourne School, Hickman Road, Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan. CF64 2AJ

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In our five-page 'Inspirational Christmas Shopping' guide, we've highlighted some of the new businesses aiming to offer something that little bit different.

On page 18, we feature 'new concept' businesses Chaplin's and The Clothes Rail.

On page 19, High Street traders describe their battle to get their popular festive lights back for this year's Christmas shopping.

On page 20, entrepreneurs Lesley Kennedy of Spare Wardrobe and Jo Tague of Butterflies explain why they have just joined the High Street business community.

Barry's West End is famed for its friendliness and a strong community spirit, built up over many years – so when it's time to take the plunge into Christmas shopping, make sure you plan a visit to the High Street's shops.

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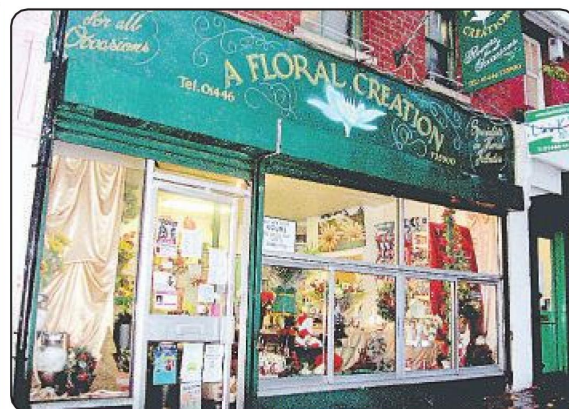
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PSST! Whisper it softly before everybody knows – there are two stylish new additions to High Street – Chaplin's Restaurant and Steakhouse, which is new to the dining scene, and The Clothes Rail for the seriously fashion conscious.

Just four weeks old, Chaplin's is the ideal stop-off point for West End's shoppers who want a coffee, snack or a meal.

The manager Richard Patterson explained: "We devised the restaurant around a retro theme – black and white décor, the 1930s to 1950s feel, subdued lighting, leather chairs and Tiffany lampshades – and then came up with the name Chaplin's, which seemed to reflect it all.

"We could have opened in a number of locations, but it is ideal in a road with boutiques and unique shops, rather than in an area with chain stores."

Chaplin's provides meals, snacks and drinks throughout the day.

Richard said: "We open at 9.30am and offer breakfasts starting at just £2.95. There's a lunchtime menu, and snacks to eat in or take away – jacket potatoes, baguettes, and home-made soup.

"One of our most popular deals at the moment is two meals for £8! We close from 3pm to 5pm to change the cloths and prepare for our evening clientele.

"From 5pm, we offer an a la carte menu with a wide range of reasonably-priced starters, main courses and deserts. We source as much as possible of our produce locally."

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One of the great attractions of Chaplin's is its easygoing, relaxed atmosphere. Stars decorate the wall – a moody Marlon Brando, Sinatra gazes at you with assured arrogance, Marilyn Monroe adopts a flirty pose, and Humphrey Bogart swigs Gordon's Gin on The African Queen.

In the evening, rather than piped music, a pianist entertains.

Richard said: "We're already fully booked for Christmas Day and New Year's Day, providing four-course meals and entertainment.

"Lunchtimes is already getting busier – we get a mixture of groups of people, along with the person who stops off for a quick meal or snack, before getting on with the working

day."

Chaplin's is a restrained contrast to the bright lights and modern image of Cubana's next door.

So the secret is slowly getting out. For the ideal stop-off point during a busy West End shopping spree, Chaplin's is at your service!

Mother and daughter team Dawn and Emily Taylor have brought a new concept to High Street at The Clothes Rail.

The ranges they display – casual clothes, skirts, trousers, coats, jackets, funky handbags, fashion bags, accessories and shoes – are branded factory over-stocks.

Dawn said: "Because they are over-stocks we can pick them up cheap and sell them on cheap.

"We're in a period of time in which people are cost conscious and we're responding to that.

"We get some women who want two or three party dresses for the party season and we start at just £8.50 per dress!

"Emily and I like bright colours, so we've tended to go for things that will stand out and are that little bit different."

The over-stock lines include both men's and women's clothing.

Emily makes handmade jewellery, which is catching on with local youngsters.

She said: "I make individual pieces which have been inspired by the Twilight books and films. They start from as little as £4."

Each piece of jewellery is unique – one Twilight bracelet on show has heart shapes and a wolf's head.

So for an inexpensive present, that is that little bit different, The Clothes Rail on High Street is well worth a browse.



LEFT:
At your service – Chaplin's Beth Evans, front of house, and waiter Andrew Jenkins.



LEFT:
Dawn and Emily Taylor's The Clothes Rail is bringing factory over-stocks – and bargains – to the High Street.

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On Sunday morning, Floodlighting & Electrical Services Ltd and a work party of dedicated traders and shop workers, gathered in High Street and set to work erecting the lights.

Anthony added: "I'd like to say a big thank you to all those who

gave up a Sunday and got stuck in. We had a great team and after six hours of hard work, all of the lights were up, I'd also like to thank Tony Gratton (Tony's Cafe) for keeping us all fed and watered!"

The Big Switch-on will take place on Saturday, December 5. The street will be closed to vehicle traffic from 4pm-7pm when there will be various entertainment and stalls to help everyone to get into the Christmas Spirit.



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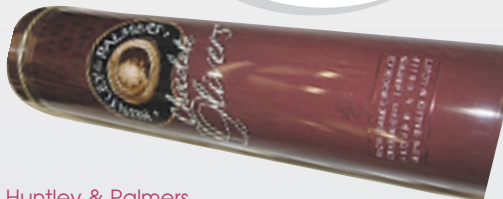


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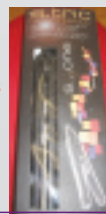
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ABOVE:
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PENCOED'S SCHOOL MUSICAL HIDES A STRONG MESSAGE BEHIND THE JOKES

(Continued from page 4).

When the pupils at Pencoed Comprehensive School chose the musical *Hairspray*, they chose a show full of bright songs, jokes, dance routines and a powerful message about segregation.

Is laughter the best way of defeating racism and bigotry?

I'm not sure, but it makes for a great 'feel good' show.

PI



ABOVE: Sam Taylor (Corny Collins) and Rhys Lewis (Link Larkin) take centre stage.



ABOVE: Cerys Humphries as Motormouth Maybelle.



Eleanor Francis (left) was Velma, the villain of the piece.



ABOVE (left to right): Tracy (Rebecca Baker), Mr Pinky (Matthew Grainger) and The Dynamites (Bethan Rees, Autumn Bevan and Rebecca Morgan).



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Natasha John (Amber von Tussle) gets ready to go on stage.



ABOVE: Lauren Halse leaves geeky Penny far behind.



Sam Taylor
becomes
Corny
Collins.



Out and About with The GEM

Cross-border harmony at choir's annual concert



THE Barry Male Voice Choir welcomed ladies of the Orwell Singers, Ipswich to share in the recent annual concert held at All Saint's Church Barry.

The near capacity audience enjoyed a gala evening of modern and classical songs and it was a proud and memorable occasion for Dorothy Connell and the choir as it was Dorothy's first annual concert as conductor.

The choir responded to her direction with passion and control, as ever accompanied by the tal-

ented Emma Arscott.

The male voice programme included a medley of songs from the popular musical *Paint Your Wagon*, *Musé I Denn* (Wooden Heart) made famous by Elvis Presley, a selection of Welsh songs, including *Delilah* and the ever popular and inspirational hymn *Llef*.

The Orwell Singers conducted by Gloria Wilson and accompanied by Sylvia Davies, sang with fine tone and control. Their programme included a selection of Songs from the Shows, *The Sound of Silence* by Paul Simon, Negro Spirituals and a moving African Medley.

The combined Barry Male Voice and the Orwell Singers.

Both choirs combined to provide sensitive harmonious renderings of John Rutter's *For the Beauty of the Earth*, and Howard Goodall's *Love Divine*.

The concert ended with a multilingual composition *Hwyl Fawr Ffrindiau* (Goodbye friends) written and arranged by Dorothy Connell.

This song expressed the genuine feeling of regret, later expressed on the departure of the Orwell Singers after a very enjoyable afterglow held after the concert.

The Barry Male Voice Choir is well travelled and following last year's enjoyable visit to Scotland, is now prepar-

ing for a concert tour of southern Ireland. The choir is a strong fellowship of very sociable men sharing a common interest of music and song. Its motto remains 'Friendship through Music'.

New members and visitors are always welcome at practice held every Monday and Thursday at Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Street, Barry, at 7.30pm.

Singing experience is not required; membership requires nothing more than an interest in music and singing and a determination to enjoy oneself!

Further information can be obtained from John Rees Davies, Secretary 01446 746387. GARETH JONES

Diversity celebrated

BARRY College highlights the cultural diversity of south Wales later this month with a special week of events.

The college's Multicultural Week starts on November 23 and events include a visit from Show Racism the Red Card, which will hold in class exercises with Barry College football team, the FEDS, to emphasise teamwork and "sportsmanlike activity".

Rita Limbrick, of Rita's Multicultural

Community Café on Main Street Barry, will give a cooking demonstration, student intranet, Moodle, will provide information, and there are awareness-raising exercises on all Barry College sites.

On November 25, the college's crèche and childcare centre will hold a 'Children of the World' day where the toddlers who attend the centre will be encouraged to dress up in national costumes. They will be read stories relating to children around the world.

VALE PACT MEETINGS

ST ATHAN PACT, The Old Community Building, November 23.

BARUC PACT, St Francis Millennium Centre, Barry, November 26, 7.30pm.

COFFEE and chat meeting, White Lion public house, Ystradowen, December 1, 11.30am.

STANWELL PACT, All Saints Church Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, December 4, 7pm.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing or log onto www.ourbobby.com

Anniversary concert

THERE is a 40th anniversary concert in aid of Cancer Research Wales, at Barry Memorial Hall, on Sunday, November 22, at 2pm.

Tickets £6, and £3 for children.

Party fayre

THE Vale Labour party Christmas fayre will take place on Saturday, November 28, at 11am, in the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry.

Stalls, activities and Father Christmas in attendance. For details telephone 07525 158391.

WHAT'S ON in brief

Vale AM's advice surgery

VALE of Glamorgan Assembly Member Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery on Saturday, November 21, between 10am-12noon, at Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys. No appointment necessary.

Telephone her constituency office on 01446 740981 for more information.

Christmas fayre

THE parish of Penarth and Llandough is holding its Christmas fayre on Saturday, November 21, in the Paget Rooms, Penarth, at 10am-12noon.

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Time when the railway was king in south Wales



ABOVE: The railway station at Cowbridge.

LOCAL railway enthusiast, MIKE WILCOCK, has been reading a new book, entitled *Lost Railways of South Wales*, by Mike Hall. This is his review:

In this well researched new book, Mike Hall brings to life the railways of this area.

With more than 100 photographs, including many not seen before, he takes the reader through the arrival of the railways in the 1830s, on through their decline and to the present day.

Chapter one covers the Border branch lines around the Wye Valley, Monmouth, Sudbrook and Caerwent.

Interesting photographs show the old station buildings at Raglan alongside the A449, and one of the most difficult stations to find in Wales – at Pontypool, where the line is at least two miles from the town centre

Northwards from

Newport is covered in chapter two, and a further two pages of maps provide the reader with all the relevant information on the stations in the area.

If all the colliery plant-forms were included, there were more than 400 stations in south Wales during the peak of rail transportation. With the help of this book the reader will be able to identify some of their remains.

Visiting the Big Pit and the Pontypool and Blaenavon Railway will at least capture some of the days of steam.

Chapter three and four remind us of the Taff Vale, Heads of the Valleys, the coal fields and Cardiff area.

After more excellent photos of the viaducts at Walnut Tree, Clydach Gorge and Hengoed, we finally arrive at Cowbridge.

The railway to Cowbridge was opened to passengers in 1865 and the extension to Aberthaw in 1892.

Although the line was taken over by the TVR in 1876, the port at Aberthaw was never

developed and the extension closed in 1932.

We may yet see the station at Aberthaw open again, now that Arriva trains have re-introduced a successful passenger service on the Vale Line!

Lines to Swansea and the west are featured in chapter five, with Batting to Brecon and Neath in chapter six.

Finally, west Wales and chapter seven brings this fascinating book on railways to a close.

Reading it made me quite sad for the days long gone when railways were king.

But their inevitable costs both in running, building and no doubt today; the environmental issues of coal extraction and burning, made them disappear very quickly, never to return.

The book is available, locally, through the Cowbridge Bookshop and in Cardiff at Ian Allan. For further information, contact the publishers on www.countrysidebooks.co.uk

NEWS FROM PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Dodging the rain showers on a soggy stroll across the rural Vale

THE weather forecast was not exactly promising, but five walkers took a chance and boarded a train to meet up with Joy and Bracken for the journey down to Llantwit Major.

Upon their arrival, it was evident that there had been a heavy bout of rain by the huge puddles everywhere, but the group were well dressed for the elements – even the dog had a raincoat on – and they set off through Llantwit Major going downhill towards the coast.

Deviating off the road as a short rain shower fell; they followed a soggy leaf-lined path uphill to Castle Ditches that once guarded the entrance to Cwm Col-huw lying below them. Turning east, the group followed the cliff path with a very brisk wind at their backs, stopping further along above Stout Bay for morning coffee.

Soon the cliff top was occupied with men and spaniel dogs who were about to participate in pheasant-shooting and after a greeting, it was time to move to Summerhouse Point.

The group were aware of heavy showers moving across the Somerset coastline and also further inland over the north of the Vale, but fortunately for them they remained in a corridor of dry weather and even the sun put in an appearance.

Reaching Summerhouse Point, they descended for the short journey across the

pebbles at Summerhouse Bay, which was covered with driftwood much to the dog's delight – before crossing a stile into fields at Penry Bay.

Another stile saw them emerging above Limpert Bay with the huge shape of Aberthaw Power Station towering above them. Then it was time to circumnavigate the front of the power station behind the solid sea-defence wall and cross the river bridge over the River Thaw to the Leys beach where the tide was ebbing.

Reaching Pleasant Harbour and going past the pond at the east Aberthaw nature reserve with the ivy-clad remains of the old lime-works beyond it, the group found a sheltered spot with bushes as a wind-break and stopped to enjoy their lunch.

Moving on to cross the salt flats, with a pair of swans gracefully floating on the salty pools, the group climbed the wooden steps up the cliff to reach Fontygary Holiday and Leisure Park.

At Watch House Point, they turned inland through a field where around a dozen pretty goldfinches took flight from the rough scrub-land as the group walked adjacent to the railway line behind the Rhooose quarries.

Reaching Rhooose railway station, two of the walkers dropped out to catch a train while the remainder walked a narrow track through a copse into an open meadow to rejoin the coastal path by the quarries at Rhooose Point.

Coats were discarded as they walked past the

tall piece of slate marking the southernmost tip of mainland Wales as the sun shone, but the wind still remained blustery.

From Porthkerry Caravan Park, the group followed the road down to Porthkerry village and passing St Curig's Church, they took the route through the woods following the slippery path downhill to the golf course.

Crossing the new footbridge, erected by volunteers from the NHS earlier in the year, they walked the main meadow of Porthkerry Park, going uphill through Lover's Lane to emerge onto Park Road.

Passing the ruins of the 13th century Barry Castle, all that remained was a trek along Old Village Road and into Canon Street before the descent back to Barry Railway Station and the



Taking a break above Stout Bay.

journey home.

On November 21, meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for an eight-mile moderate walk at Aberkenfig; contact Barbara on 01446 734686.

On November 22, meet at 10.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a five-mile easy walk at Radyr Woods and the Glamorgan Canal; contact Krys on 029 2070 0678.

Wear suitable cloth-

ing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. For other groups' walk log onto www.ramblers.org.uk Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Vale Ramblers on cross-border walk



The Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers pictured on their recent walk in Tetbury.

THE Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers recently spent a somewhat damp but enjoyable walking weekend based in Tetbury, Gloucestershire, led by Roger and Pat.

Friday evening was spent in the Crown Inn discussing arrangements for the weekend, after an interesting heritage walk around the town by several members, a spokesperson reports.

Saturday dawned wet, but the intrepid group, including Zetta and Andrew from West Glamorgan Ramblers, set out on a circular walk of nine miles from Kingscote, passing the village of Horsley and the town of Nailsworth.

The latter was well known for cloth manufacture, brewing and for having been at one time the home of the Welsh poet, WH Davies.

A rather wet and windy lunch was taken under the trees by the pond at Ruskin Mill, which has been for 40 years, 'an educational trust for young people who fall between the cracks of mainstream provision, providing a

natural environment to work on real life purposeful tasks'. The second we had decided to eat under the trees the sun came out on the other side of the pond and, although not out long, we were able to finish the walk through the woods and fields back to Kingscote in fine weather.

There were hopeful forecasts of "supposed to be better tomorrow" and, to be fair, it was not actually raining as we drove to Westonbirt to meet our guide, Peter Higginbotham, for a tour around the Arboretum.

He was informative, enthusiastic and had a light-hearted touch that kept us entertained.

Lunch was taken on the picnic benches, whereupon, on the first bites of the sandwiches, the heavens opened and we finished our lunch squatting under the

trees! We continued our walk through the Silkwood and the Acer Glade, containing the National Collection of Japanese Maples, then out of the Arboretum for the four-mile walk back to Tetbury; memorable for the polo pony studs and the back of Highgrove House.

We think HRH must have been away on royal business as he failed to invite us for tea.

In spite of the generally dismal weather, the colours of leaf and berry were wonderful; we felt we had chosen just the right time to visit before leaf fall.

Thanks to everyone who made the weekend so enjoyable with their company and great cheerfulness and fortitude in the drizzle. We are already looking forward to our spring weekend in the Malvern Hills.

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World Soroptimists visit the Welsh capital city for 'Bras in the Bay'

CARDIFF recently hosted the 75th annual conference of Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI), attended by 1,700

ladies from 28 countries including Europe, Africa, Asia and the Caribbean.

Delegates met to discuss the business of the organisation, to take

decisions on its future, and to listen to keynote speakers Chris Moon MBE, Ian Woodall and Christina Lamb, who each had inspiring and uplifting stories to tell.

It was not all work, however, and delegates

enjoyed some excellent evening entertainment with a Welsh flavour.

Members of Soroptimist International Barry and District were actively involved in the organisation and running of this very successful

conference, and were also delighted to participate in the 'Bras in the Bay' initiative.

Second hand bras are valuable commodities, and British bras in particular are considered to be of very high quality.

SIGBI has been working with Oxfam since 2007 in helping deprived women in Africa to obtain this item of underclothing. Through Oxfam's Wastesaver textile recycling facility, British bras are sent to Senegal, where the objective of the project is to create a social enterprise for the import and onward sale of second hand clothing.

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LEFT: Barry members, together with other delegates, at the photo shoot outside the Wales Millennium Centre.



BRYNCETHIN RFC MINI AND JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

Junior games produce quality rugby on rain-soaked pitches

BRYNCETHIN under-7s travelled to Nantymoel to play the Valley Ravens and returned deserved winners in an entertaining game of rugby.

Shaun Batchelor gave an inspiring captain's display; leading from the front with two excellent first half tries. On each occasion he broke clean through the Valley Ravens defensive line with strong, straight running after receiving the ball deep in his own half.

Ifan Hunnam and Will Laverick both looked sharp when in possession and took their chances very well with terrific speed and evasive running skills. Their excellent tries completed the first half scoring with Bryncethin leading 4-0.

The second half saw Bryncethin continue in the same manner; taking control from the outset to deny the Valley Ravens any time or space on the ball. Excellent tagging by Miles Blakeman, Kane Walters and Holly Morgan resulted in turnovers and further scores for Bryncethin.

Mike Gillette received the ball in space and darted over for the first of his two tries. His second score came after supporting an excellent break from Rhys Cawley, before receiving the pass and sprinting over the line unopposed.

Jake Whitefield finished off the Bryncethin scoring, ending a flowing move by darting through the stretched Valley Ravens defensive line and crossing in the corner. This was not the final incident of the game, as the Valley Ravens showed tremendous spirit and heart to claim an excellent consolation try with the final move of the game.

There were excellent showings throughout the 7-1 Bryncethin victory by every team member but this week's standout performance award went to Morgan Hughes for his excellent tagging and defensive work, well done!

Squad: Shaun Batchelor (captain), Thomas Bassett, Miles Blakeman, Rhys Cawley, Mike Gillette, Morgan Hughes, Ifan Hunnam, Will Laverick, Holly Morgan, Kane Walters, Jake Whitefield.

UNDER-8s
BRYNCETHIN under-8s were a very young

side, at Valley Ravens with all but three players from the under-7s. This was an extremely close and well-contested match with excellent displays of defensive and attacking rugby by both sides.

Tremendous play from Rhys Cawley and Jake Whitefield opened the scoring for Bryncethin. Their tries capped off excellent running moves involving several phases of play.

Each time, however, the home team youngsters levelled with well-crafted tries of their own.

With half-time beckoning the Valley Ravens seized the advantage with a well-worked try that Bryncethin could not prevent despite several tags in the build-up. The result was a 3-2 interval score line in favour of the home team.

The second half started with the home team applying the early pressure, resulting in another two tries to give them a 5-2 lead. Bryncethin were not downhearted, and began to claw the score line back with successive tries of their own.

After receiving the ball deep in his own half, Billy Sinclair made a superb break and darted down the touchline, where Jake Whitefield took the pass and crossed in the corner.

From the restart, excellent defensive play by Miles Blakeman resulted in Bryncethin again claiming possession.

Shea Francis cut inside and passed the ball to evade the defensive challenges and Jake Whitefield sprinted through to complete his hat trick.

Unfortunately, with Bryncethin fighting back strongly, there was time to mount another attack and the Valley Ravens held on for the 5-4 victory.

Despite the narrow loss, this was still an excellent, spirited effort with which everyone involved can be proud. The game's standout performance award went to Billy Sinclair for his excellent teamwork and commitment throughout the whole game, congratulations!

Squad: Ifan Hunnam (captain), Thomas Bassett, Shaun Batchelor, Miles Blakeman, Rhys Cawley, Mike Gillette, Morgan Hughes, Ifan Hunnam, Will Laverick, Holly Morgan, Josh Nuth, Billy Sinclair, Kane Walters, Jake Whitefield, Rhys Williams.

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Both teams made light of the testing conditions to produce a highly competitive game. The match was completed over three periods to allow more game time for both squads.

UNDER-8s v TONDUR

BRYNCETHIN played host to local rivals Tondur, who brought a large squad comprising almost their full complement of players.

From the start, Bryncethin hit their stride and showed the excellent teamwork and flowing rugby that is quickly becoming their hallmark. On numerous occasions, the youngsters confidently worked the whole width of the pitch to stretch the defence, before finishing with direct running and excellent support play.

Captain Rhys Cawley led and inspired the team with two well-crafted tries which completed an excellent all-round display.

Jake Whitefield and Billy Sinclair also scored tries after racing through following tremendous passing moves which created the space.

Ifan Hunnam completed the scoring for Bryncethin with a further two scores – his second try being a superb solo effort.

Receiving the pass from Josh Nuth almost on his own goal line, he darted through the whole Tondur defence, jinking and cutting swiftly past the defenders with some outstanding running to finish off a fantastic try.

It was the defensive effort of Morgan Hughes, Kane Walters and Thomas Bassett, who worked extremely hard to close down the space that was key to the 6-3 Bryncethin win. In addition, there were also notable, enthusiastic displays from Holly Morgan and Will Laverick which laid the foundations for the home team's impressive performance.

However, this game's stand-out performance award went to Mike Gillette, on his seventh birthday, for his brilliant, relentless tagging and straight running. All the coaches and parents were thrilled by the skill and effort displayed by every single player, well done everyone!

Squad: Rhys Cawley (captain), Thomas Bassett, Shaun Batchelor, Shea Francis, Mike Gillette, Morgan Hughes, Ifan Hunnam, Will Laverick, Holly Morgan, Josh Nuth, Billy Sinclair, Kane Walters, Jake Whitefield, Rhys Williams.

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for the day by Finlay Mullens and the first period saw the ball kept tight during the rain, allowing both teams to show the strength of their defences as they struggled to create any clear chances. It was as the rain eased that Tondur were able to string some passes together and create space out wide to open the scoring.

The second period saw Bryncethin apply intense pressure to the Tondur tryline but the visitors were able to repel these attacks.

On one of the few occasions that Tondur had possession, they were able to slip through a missed tackle in the defence to score a second.

Not to be disheartened the third period saw more Bryncethin pressure and after excellent work the ball was fed to Jack Thomas who brought the game back into the balance.

Despite more pressure, Bryncethin were unable to level the scores and it was left to Tondur to complete the scoring for a 3-1 victory.

Squad: Finlay Mullens (captain), Josh Napper, Rhys Davies, Jack Thomas, Luke Board, Tobias Hunt, Morgan Stevens, Keiran Evans, Daniel Osarigie, Ethan Hopkins, Davis Pilkington, Dylan Evans and Aaron Thomas.

Man of the match: A fine effort by all the players in testing conditions but the award went to Luke Board for an Excellent all round display - well done Luke.

UNDER-10s
BRYNCETHIN under-10s welcomed Tondur for an entertaining and hard fought game.

Bryncethin played an open game in difficult conditions against a very good Tondur side with a strong defence. All players worked well together as a team and deserved the win.

Morgan Tarr was deservedly man of the match but was pushed hard with some gutsy performances by the other players. It was played in a good spirit with good running and passing.

Final score: Bryncethin 26, Tondur 19.

Try scorers for Bryncethin were: Aaron Jones, Iwan Veasey, Dafydd Evans, Emyr Watkin.

Squad: Gethyn Napper (captain), Callum Francis, Morgan Tarr, Aaron Jones, Iwan Veasey, Ryan Morgan, Dafydd Evans, Emyr Watkin, Emyr Hunnam, Ryan Blake and Ryan Lovell.

Man of the match: Morgan Tarr

UNDER-11s
BRYNCETHIN under-11s got off to a difficult start when Tondur went

over for an early score.

In the first half, Tondur overpowered the home team by getting to the breakdowns quickly and going in hard but fair, so Bryncethin were delighted when Scott Winter stole line out ball and ran in from half-way for a try that he converted to level the scores.

Bryncethin defended well throughout the game, becoming more alert and well organised as the game progressed. Both teams were striving for the deciding score but it was Sam Harding with a short but strong run for a try, converted by Iwan Davies, who settled the game.

Final score: Bryncethin 14, Tondur 7.

Squad: Iwan Davies (captain), Aaron McIntyre, Adam John, Ben Aston, Carwyn Smith, Connor Ford, Henry Clark, Jacob Walters, Liam Morgan, Nicholas Morgan, Scott Winter, Sam Harding, William Blake

Man of the match – Fantastic all-round performance resulted in the whole team getting the award.

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Tries galore between Kenfig and Ravens

KENFIG HILL under-7s and under-8s take on Valley Ravens

THE heavy rain made Kenfig Hill's pitch unplayable so both the mini-

Mules and Valley Ravens travelled to play in Cornelly.

There was a cracking atmosphere as both clubs brought large numbers of supporters, all of whom were roused by two excellent games of tag rugby.

The under-7s played first, notching up 18 tries between the two sides.

Kenfig Hill, captained by the defensively solid Ewan Orchard, ran out winners by scoring 11 tries for the second time in a month, with six players registering a score.

Joshua Jones and Dafydd Jones continued their recent run of form bagging a try each. A blistering sprint up the touchline saw George Buckley score in the corner, with Alex Underhill doing similar in the opposite corner.

Jack Davies (four) and Oliver Pinches (three) sustained their exceptional early season try-scoring prowess with some lovely balanced running.

Thomas Llewellyn

has quickly become a key part of the team, again showing that he works hard but also has no shortage of pace in attack.

Calvin Gorringer played for the under-7s to even out the numbers with the under-8s and had probably his best defensive game of the season.

As part of an excellent team performance the playmaking honours go to Mark Underhill, who on three separate occasions made the final pass to enable his team mates to break clear for their scores.

With the crowd whipped-up from the previous game the under-8s took to the field.

The Mules and their unbeaten visitors never once looked like letting the excitement levels drop, as the Valley Ravens finally ran out 6-4 victors.

Led by captain and try-scorer Jack Rundle, huge offensive effort was put in by fellow scorer Tom Watkins as

well as Cameron Trehear and Dylan Pearson.

Kenfig Hill went through their six tags on several occasions and it is a credit to the opposition's defence that more scores didn't materialise.

Also on the score sheet after a trademark run through the heart of the visiting team was Ben Evans.

Completing the scoring, as part of a very good all-round game, was Harry Cooper.

Oliver Roberts had a great game on his return from holiday, though mum and dad's tan won't last much longer if the wet Welsh weather continues!

Matching Oliver's commitment all game were Luke Tozer and Rhys Perry and this, accompanied by Connor John's defensive organisation made for a thoroughly entertaining game.

GERALD O'SULLIVAN

Learning curve for Bridgend youngsters at English event

THERE was no fixture for Bridgend Athletic under-9s because the club travelled to London, to take part in the Saracens mini rugby tournament.

There were six teams and a league system was in place. The team with the most number of points, at the end of play, would be announced the winners.

Bridgend was representing Wales, as the only Welsh team present.

GAME ONE
FIRST up we were to play Maidenhead RFC. It was a close first half with neither side scoring.

The Ath were trying their hardest to play flowing rugby and were for the second time this season, trying to adapt to the English rules.

In the second half two tries were scored, one for each side.

The Ath try came via Connor Fabian, who was driven over the line, by his fellow team mates.

A fantastic hard fought, first game. **Final score: 1-1.**

GAME TWO
THE second game was against Sandral RFC and if the first game wasn't tough enough, this encounter was to be a right old battle, for both sides.

The Ath were putting everything into this match, by putting in

some big hits especially from Gwilym John, who was also ripping the ball really well, along with Jade Thomas and Jack Obbard, who was showing tremendous strength.

All the side were doing their best to run at the opposition but Sandral were looking very confident in attack and it was the English team who crossed the line for a first half try.

The second half was no different, with both sides literally hitting lumps out of each other, so much so that there were to be no more tries, in this game.

Final score: 1-0 to Sandral.

GAME THREE
THE third game was against Amersham and Chiltern.

The opposition were bigger than the Ath players, who found this match really tough going, even with some fine tackling from James Hermolle and Louis King.

It was the opposition who had the only chances in the first half and they took them, going in with a half time score of 3-0.

The second half remained try-less.

Final score: 3-0 to Amersham and Chiltern.

GAME FOUR
THE fourth match saw the Ath take Ruislip RFC.

This was to be a more evenly matched game than the previous games, with the opposition more the Ath's size.

The first half saw the Ath take the lead for the first time in the tournament, when from a maul, Gwilym John broke away and with a fine run, he touched down for a fine try.

There were a few injuries in this half with Jade Thomas and Louis King leaving the field.

The second half was no different, with Ath, having the chance to play some rugby. They were in their comfort zone and not long after came the Ath's second try, via Daniel O'Sullivan who initially drove for the line himself before help arrived from his fellow team mates and he then crashed over to score.

Final score: 2-0 to the Ath.

GAME FIVE
THE fifth and final encounter of the table was against the hosts Saracens RFC.

With Saracens having won three of their previous games and the Ath only winning one, it was a must win game for Saracens, if they had chance of taking the lead from Sandral RFC.

With nothing riding on this game for the Ath it was a chance for some key players to take a rest.

It was a tremendous battle, with some fine handling skills from the

hosts and bruising hits going in from both sides.

Saracens were proving to be worthy opponents, so much so, they scored three tries in this half, down to a lapse in the Ath's defence on two occasions.

The second half saw a few changes for the Ath; this seemed to make a slight difference with the Saracens only able to notch up one more try in this half.

Final score: 4-0 to Saracens.

ATH came fourth overall in the tournament.

All credit must go to all the squad who gave their all and played their hearts out, against much bigger opposition.

Player of the tournament went Jack Obbard, who led from the front and for his all round skills, especially showing tremendous strength in the mauls and tackle areas.

Bridgend Athletic squad: Gwilym John (captain), Connor Fabian (vice-captain), Jack Obbard, James Hermolle, Jade Thomas, Louis King, Taine Waite, Jamie Marshall, Megan Webb, Daniel O'Sullivan, Sam Veasey, William Goodall, Christopher Hart and Josh Tidy.

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SOUTH WALES REGIONAL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR BOYS, TRELAI PARK, CARDIFF

Morgan is the top runner at regional championships

THREE Bridgend county borough pupils claimed medals at the 12th South Wales Regional cross-country championships for boys, held in difficult, wet conditions at Cardiff's Trelai Park.

Because of the numbers who have taken part at this fixture in past years, medals are awarded to the top three seniors, the first five at under-15 (years 9 and 10) and the top eight under-13s (years 7 and 8).

Fifth former Morgan Davies was the top placed runner. The Porthcawl pupil has improved significantly from his 17th placing in the under-15 race last year, in dry conditions.

At this fixture he continued the progress that he had showed in the under-17 race at the opening Gwent League fixture, held over the Newbridge Fields course in early October.

Again he ended trying to chase the much more experienced Lewis School (Caerphilly) year-12 Alex Edwards but had to settle for second place, finishing 16 seconds down in second place – a performance which suggests that, if he can continue to make progress, he has a chance of international honours after Christmas.

The under-13 race was won by a member of Bridgend AC, Llantwit year-8 Ben Owen, with two Bridgend county boys in the top eight.

Harry Jenkins (Porthcawl) was fourth, while one of the Davies twins, Harry, from Brynteg claimed seventh spot. Missing from the starting line was Lewis Jones (Maesteg), who had finished third in the 2008 race.

Year-9 Morgan Thomas (Porthcawl), the 2008 under-13 winner, was the top Bridgend finisher in the under-15 race, taking ninth in the opening race.

Perhaps the most encouraging part of the fixture was the fielding of both A and B teams in the under-13 section by Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd.

The Welsh medium school has only been open since September 2008 and only has two years on roll.

Ben Jones had the distinction of being the school's first ever boy to finish, taking a creditable 26th in a smaller than usual field of 237, and leading his A squad to 12th place, two behind Porthcawl.

The next major schools' cross-country fixture is the 33rd Welsh Schools Inter Schools championships, which will be held at Penlan, Brecon, next Saturday, November 14.

Results of Bridgend County boys: Senior boys - 5,490m – years 11 to 14 – 73 finishers – 2 Morgan Davies Porthcawl 20:42; 29 Rhys Clayton Brynteg 24:29.

Under-15 boys – 4,400m – years 9 & 10 – 160 finishers – 9 Morgan Thomas Porthcawl 18:00; 11 Jack Couch Porthcawl 18:02; 21 James Hunt Brynteg 18:31; 32 Dan Brace Brynteg 19:12; 36 Tom Allen Porthcawl 19:24; 53 Jacob David Porthcawl 20:00; 70 Daniel Glen Brynteg; 91.

Llantwit's Ben runs through the pain (and the rain)

For the Vale boys, who have only experienced dry Cardiff & the Vale Schools' cross-country league fixtures so far this term, the 12th South Wales Regional Schools' championships came as a big shock. It rained and rained and rained.

When the course marking team were setting out the marking stakes and tapes, the rain was so heavy that Mr Brian Davies, the longest serving schools' official, suggested that the finish be moved from the planned site, halfway up Trelai Park, to one closer to the changing rooms – a suggestion that was agreed, with a 300 metres reduction for each course.

The top Vale performance over the reverse Trelai course came in the second race for for pupils in years 7 and 8.

After a steady first small lap, Llantwit year-8 Ben Owen cut loose and was never headed on the more testing, longer second lap, finishing eight seconds clear of Tom Edmunds (St Martin's).

Because of the number of pupils who have competed in the past, medals are awarded to the first eight finishers in this race. As a result, Tom Owen (Cowbridge) gained an award for finishing eighth.

With illness preventing the Bro Morgannwg duo of Rory Heslop and Harri Williams from competing in the opening race of the afternoon, the under-15 event for years 9 and 10, it was left to Barry Comprehensive pupils to lead the Vale contingent home. Last year, Matthew Edwards and Callum Barrie finished 21st and 48th respectively. It underlines how much they have improved in the last 12 months that Edwards only just missed out on a top three placing, finishing fourth, while his team-mate, Barrie, finished 10th.

With Stanwell only

by **PETER MORRIS**

fielding teams up to year-9 in the Cardiff & Vale Schools league, it was encouraging to see year-10 Huw Evans competing at this event and he should be pleased by his 13th place, one ahead of team-mate Elliott Richards.

One athlete may feel particularly disappointed with his placing in this race. Llantwit year-10 Dan Owen, older brother of under-13 winner Ben, went off very hard and was well placed for much of the 4,400 metres course, but he ran out of steam in the last big lap and slipped down the field to 38th place.

With the leading four senior boys – Alex Edwards (Lewis School), Morgan Davies (Porthcawl), Alex Coomber (Bryn Celynog) and Konstantinos Karras (Radyr) – getting away on the opening two small laps, it was Elliott Mears who led the Vale boys home. The Cowbridge year-11 managed to hang on to fifth place in a very tight finish, in which only four seconds separated the four places down to ninth.

Mears, and his school-mates Oliver Beaman (15th), Josh Thomas (24th) and Jon Esquirol (46th) also had the satisfaction of helping Cowbridge claim third team place, the only Vale squad to feature in the top three teams.

The under-13 and under-15 team competitions were won by Llanishen High, with Lewis School, from Caerphilly, taking second place.

The Barry Comprehensive quartet were top Vale school at under-15, finishing eighth, while the Cowbridge A team of Tom Owen, Kristian Jones, Huw Bennett and Cai Allin finished lead Vale school at under-13, in sixth.

Pupils from Cowbridge and Llantwit will be in action at the 33rd Welsh Schools' Inter Schools' championships, to be held at Penlan, Brecon next Saturday, November 14.

Vale results: **Senior boys** - 5,490m – years 11 to 14 – 73 finishers – 5 Elliott Mears Cowbridge 21:37; 7 Darren Jones Llantwit 21:40; 10 Daniel Lewis St Cyres 22:20; 14 Dominic Farr Bro Morgannwg 22:57; 15 Oliver Beaman Cowbridge 23:04; 19 Joseph Whitmarsh Knight Bro Morgannwg 23:24; 23 Duke Durham St Cyres 24:07; 24 Josh Thomas Cowbridge

24:09; 28 Tom Howles Llantwit 24:23; 30 Dan Ruffle Llantwit 24:32; 46 Jon Esquirol Cowbridge 25:49; 49 William Elliot Cowbridge 25:58; 56 Kyle Garrison Barry College 26:28; 58 Rhys Allin Cowbridge 26:49; 62 Michael Lloyd Cowbridge 26:58; 68 Jon Mansell Cowbridge 28:01; 69 Steffan Kitchen Cowbridge 28:02; 70 Oliver Crosby Llantwit 28:05; 72 Jack Grahame Llantwit 28:42.

A Teams: 3 Cowbridge 90; 4 Llantwit 135; B Teams: 4 Cowbridge B 237.

Under-15 boys – 4,400m – years 9 and 10 – 160 finishers – 4 Matthew Edwards Barry Comp 17:21; 10 Callum Barrie Barry Comp 18:01; 13 Huw Evans Stanwell 18:04; 14 Elliott Richards Stanwell 18:12; 37 Dafydd James Isaac Llantwit; 38 Dan Owen Llantwit; 40 Adam Hewitt Cowbridge; 42 Matthew Sullivan Cowbridge; 56 Richard Lewis Barry Comp; 72 Stuart Fleming Cowbridge; 73 Matthew Collins Barry Comp; 81 Elliott Parry Llantwit; 88 Lewys Jones Cowbridge; 92 Rowan Miller Llantwit; 95 Curtis Hayes Barry Comp; 115 Tom Parker Llantwit; 116 Hatim Shami Cowbridge; 137 Ieuan Jones Stanwell; 151 Andrius Stepanovusi Barry Comp; 154 Dean Garrison Llantwit; 157 Tom Davies Stanwell.

A Teams: 8 Barry Comp 143; 10 Cowbridge 242; 11 Llantwit 248; 14 Stanwell 321.

Under-13 boys – 2750m – years 7 and 8 – 237 finishers – 1 Ben Owen Llantwit 11:25; 8 Tom Owen Cowbridge 12:04; 14 Kristian Jones Cowbridge 12:30; 20 Rhys Schuster St Cyres 12:43; 32 Callum Smith St Cyres; 41 Huw Bennett Cowbridge; 45 Rhys Knight Stanwell; 46 Callum Drew Llantwit; 51 Richard Dangerfield Llantwit; 58 Arran Bright Llantwit; 63 Scott McMillan Llantwit; 80 Jake Mazzitelli Llantwit; 85 Cai Allin Cowbridge; 89 Gareth Hurman Barry Comp; 101 Miles Jenkins Cowbridge; 110 Scott Duffield Stanwell; 112 Callum Goddard Barry Comp; 116 Tom Rawlings Llantwit; 120 Liam Martin Cowbridge; 135 Will Parker Llantwit; 141 Will Brown Stanwell; 142 Tomos Harvard St Cyres; 143 Hywel Williams Cowbridge; 154 Samir Boulaiche St Cyres; 155 Scott Thomas Cowbridge; 156 Kieran Gray Llantwit; 173 Calvin McCann Barry Comp; 175 Chad Travis Barry Comp; 176 Ben Jones Cowbridge; 177 Daniel Oddy

Cowbridge; 178 Oliver Parry Llantwit; 181 David Flanagan Stanwell; 192 Tom Geen Stanwell; 194 Jacob Frost Stanwell; 202 Calum Stisted Stanwell; 207 Ben Brown Llantwit; 224 Brad Enticott Barry Comp; 233 Iestyn Jones Llantwit.

A Teams: 6 Cowbridge 148; 7 Llantwit 156; 14 St Cyres 348; 18 Stanwell 477; 24 Barry Comp 549; B Teams: 5 Cowbridge B 353; 7 Llantwit B 394; 12 Cowbridge C 519; 22 Llantwit C 774; Scott Durham Porthcawl; 113 Tom Hibbard-Jones Porthcawl; 118 Lewis Brace Brynteg; 123 Hayden McMeekin Porthcawl; 136 Corey Divetta Porthcawl; 139 Jay Ellis Brynteg; 148 Patrick O'Toole Brynteg; 155 Sam Matthews Porthcawl; 158 Jack Sealy Brynteg; 160 Connor Watkins Porthcawl.

A Teams: 6 Porthcawl 109; 12 Brynteg 310; B Teams: 11 Porthcawl B 463.

Under-13 Boys – 2,750m – years 7 and 8 – 237 finishers – 4 Harry Jenkins Porthcawl 11:53; 7 Harry Davies Brynteg 12:01; 26 Ben Jones YG Llangynwyd; 27 Reuben Tooze Brynteg; 49 Connor Williams YG Llangynwyd; 64 Joseph Haggood Archbishop McGrath; 56 Daniel Cornish YG Llangynwyd; 71 Joseph Jones Porthcawl; 72 Jordan Norris Porthcawl; 83 Robert Davies Porthcawl; 90 Jordan Fox Porthcawl; 148 Rhys Roberts YG Llangynwyd; 180 Dafydd Davies YG Llangynwyd; 209 Ryan Matthews Porthcawl; 227 Owen Watkins YG Llangynwyd; 228 Garin Lychar YG Llangynwyd.

A Teams: 10 Porthcawl 230; 12 YG Llangynwyd 279; B Teams 16 YG Llangynwyd B 635.

Cowbridge ladies will go north!

RECENT games for the Cowbridge ladies rugby team have unfortunately been postponed due to the weather, but the ladies are eager to get back on the pitch and this Sunday they will travel north to Dolgellau.

After a promising start to the home game when the two teams last met, Cowbridge will be looking to put more points on the board this time around. The following week (November 29)

TIM 'POSTS' YET ANOTHER GOLFING WIN AT MACHYNYS

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, held recently at the impressive Machynys

Peninsular Golf Club and sponsored by the NFU Mutual Insurance

Company, attracted a record 56 entries, all competing for the many individual and team prizes on offer.

In addition to the normal hazards which golfers normally encounter, competitors also had to contend with lakes which came into play on 16 of the 18 holes.

Any wayward shot was likely to be met with that familiar splash of water and unprintable comment, while those able to keep the ball on the fairway were rewarded with receptive greens awaiting their next shot.

The individual competition was keenly contested, with three members all finishing with a top score of 33 points – the back nine being the deciding factor.

Postman Tim Jarvis, with 16 points on the back nine, came out on top just ahead of generous sponsor Julian Kelly, who scored 15.

Tosh Taylor, with 14 on the back nine finished third, while Bryan

Owen, with 31 points, was fourth.

This success gave Tim 'back to back' wins following last month when he collected the David Evans (Agriculture) Ltd Trophy.

Guest section A large turn-out of invited guests enjoyed their own competition, resulting in Robert Calcaterra taking first place with an impressive 37 points.

Joe Lacey and Barrie Melhuish finished second and third respectively with 32 points.

Others who played but failed to trouble the leader board included Bill Goldsworthy, Ed Philpin, Kevin Latham, Chris Watson, Robert Crookes and Glyn Thomas.

The NFU Mutual Team Challenge competition, with two scores on the first six holes, three scores on the next six holes, and all four scores counting on the final six holes once again proved a popular team competition, with the winning team comprising John Caines, Peter Fryer, Martin David and Barry Radley, who scored 102 points.

Runners-up with 98 points were Mike King, Gordon Cooper, Colin Humphreys and Joe Lacey, while in third place with 97 points were Keith Walker, Barrie Melhuish, Tim Jarvis and his son Daniel.

Best endeavour

Surprisingly, the much-fancied team of Southdown-based members Robert Thomas, Glyn Watts-Jones and Clive Edwards, together with Gwyn Thomas, failed to come to terms with the magnificently manicured fairways, and collected the best endeavour team prize with just 65 points.

Captain Ray Howells, Ray Simkins, Gino Cocco and Lynn Thomas were relieved to finish runners-up.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Colin Humphreys, Barrie Melhuish, Barry Radley and also former Vale farmer Peter Francis.

The 'James the Butcher' sponsored longest drive on the 18th hole was won by Martin David.

Keith Gibson's significant contribution to the 165 golf balls that failed to return home was rewarded when he won the 'Premier Turf' sponsored lost ball competition, resulting in £100 being raised for the Vale-based charity, the Ed Evans Foundation.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 26, at The Glamorganshire Golf Club, sponsored by Herbert R Thomas Ltd.

TMCC

Top coach brings another rugby title to Pontyclun

PONTYCLUN-BORN Paul John has won top prize at the Sports Council for Wales' Coach of the Year Awards.

The former Welsh rugby star took the prestigious 'Coach of the Year' award, together with high performance coach of the year, at a glittering ceremony

in Cardiff's Welsh Institute of Sport, after leading the Wales rugby sevens team to World Cup victory.

First pulling on his boots for local side Llantwit Fardre, the scrum-half went on to play and captain Pontypridd RFC and earn 10 caps for his country.

He became National Sevens Coach last October, and just five months later, John led his first choice squad out to the IRB World Cup in Dubai.

Having knocked out the tournament favourites, New Zealand, in an earlier round, Wales went on to beat Argentina 19-12 and be crowned World Champions.

John was nominated by John Schropfer, WRU National coach development manager, who stated: "Paul's attributes make him an ideal role model for the young players aspiring to become professional players. His empowering style of coaching has seen his charges develop considerably this last year.

"He is the first Welsh rugby coach who can say that he has won the World Cup for Sevens. This was an incredible achievement."

Malcolm Arnold, whose athletics career spans more than 40 years, was recognised for his contribution to sport.

National Coach for Wales from 1974 – 1994, Arnold helped Colin Jackson to an Olympic silver medal, World, European and Commonwealth Games gold medals and a world record in the 110m hurdles.

Now senior performance coach for UK Athletics, Arnold continues to play a key role in developing Olympic hopefuls; guiding Swansea Harrier, Dai Greene to the World Championship final and a string of personal bests in 2009 and bringing Bridgend's Rhys Williams back from injury to qualify for the Berlin World Championships.

Pencoed under-12s cut loose with a try spree



Pencoed under-12s are pictured in their new kit, supplied by Neville Leyshon (NT Leyshon Property Maintenance), Tony Butler, Mal Summers (MS Kit Distributors) and David Watkins.

PENCOED under-12s entertained Valley Ravens for the first time in several seasons, and put in another fine performance to record a comfortable win.

Pencoed were quick out of the blocks with Lewis Butler crossing in the corner for the first of five first-half tries for the home team. Sam Rowland-Jones grabbed the second out wide with Aaron Leyshon also crossing in the corner for Pencoed's third.

Valley Ravens deservedly scored a well-worked try before Aaron Leyshon and Lewis Butler both crossed for their second tries of the day. Jacob Lloyd and Lewis Butler added two conversions to give the hosts a 29 - 5 lead at the break.

The heavens opened for the second half but Pencoed were not deterred by the weather. Valley Ravens continued to battle hard with some heroic tackling but this was starting to take its toll on some tired bodies. Leon James finished off a good move early in

the half followed by Lewis Butler who crossed for his third of the day.

The Pencoed forwards were not going to be left out of the limelight with Morgan Burgess and Jack Pope completing the try scoring. Jacob Lloyd and Lewis Butler added two more conversions to give the hosts a comfortable 53-5 victory.

Man of the match went to Tyler Maidment for a committed performance, taking three against the head in the scrums.

SB

Porthcawl offers dry ground for fine under-14s encounter

PORThCAWL under-14s played Swansea Uplands and due to the inclement weather, the fixture was transferred to the Rest Bay fields and both sides enjoyed the good condition

of the pitch.

The Swansea side soon showed the home team why they were Ospreys Cup finalists last year, and were rewarded with a converted try.

Porthcawl responded well and were soon back in the game through a try by Jon Lodwig. Using

the wind well, the away team once more surprised the home defence, resulting in a converted try.

Finding it difficult to gain ground against the wind, Porthcawl elected to run the ball and their reward was a converted try from Jim Needs. This was the final score of an eventful half and the Uplands were wondering whether a two-point lead was enough.

Porthcawl answered

their concerns conclusively with an opening four-try salvo by Needs (completing yet another hat trick) and the live wire no. 10 Ollie Banner. The young Uplands team never gave up. So it was fitting that their endeavour and persistence enabled them to score two tries and a conversion at the end of the game to complete the scoring at 41-26 to the young Seaweeds.

CW

Grass roots rugby in Garw Valley

PORThCAWL under-10s travelled to Blaengarw where the rain came down in torrents.

Porthcawl started well, with the forwards securing possession for the speedy backs. Joe Stradling was first on the soaked score sheet with a try, converted by Ethan Waters, from behind the posts.

This was to be the norm as it stops losing balls down the mountain! Blaengarw rallied after going a score down, but this didn't last as the Green and Blacks took control through their superior rucking, mauling and tackling.

By half time, both teams were in black as the coal-coloured mud stuck and the rain washed down off the mountains. The second half also started well for Porthcawl as they were now playing down the hill, with the wind, and with the current!

Louis Protheroe claimed the fourth try and Ben Collins converted with style. Zakk Furness-Jones ran in the

fifth and quickly converted as time was running out.

Porthcawl showed their 'All Blacks' ruthless streak and kept the score board ticking over, looking for that elusive half century! Dan Williams, desperate for a try, scored a well-deserved touch down in the dying seconds and also slotted over the conversion without taking breath.

The final whistle blew, all too soon for the boys, but not for the parents, with the Seaweeds just short of the 50. The boys left the field drenched but elated after this emphatic victory over a brave Blaengarw side.

Final score: Blaengarw 0, Porthcawl 42. Man of the match was Matthew Azzopardi.

Rest of squad: Connor Grant, Cameron Williams, Callum Morgan, Max Budding, Kurtis Primrose, Ben Davies, Connor Harrington-Pittam, Meuryn Nelson, Joe Beale.

Player of the month for October was Max Budding.

IB

TONDU JUNIOR AND MINI RUGBY ROUND-UP

Under-13s too quick and too strong for Carmarthen Quins

TONDU started the stronger and the pressure told when Josh Thomas made a half break and released Ben Jones down the wing to score at the corner.

Tondu added to the scoring when they were awarded a penalty near the Quins line. Rowan Davies ran the penalty, and the ball was recycled to Lloyd Webb, who

powered his way over near the posts.

Tondu's next try came from Ashley Baker, who was on the end of a strong Lloyd Webb run to cross near the corner.

During the second period, the visitors were attacking in the

Tondu 22 and then succumbed to a sucker punch. The ball was spilled by a Carmarthen centre, Ben Jones was first to react and fly-hacked the ball more than 60 metres to

win the foot race to touchdown under the posts. This try was converted by Ashley Baker.

Tondu's final try came from debutant Carwyn Dent, who picked up the ball on the opposition 22 and had the pace and strength to cross at the corner and touchdown under the posts. This try was converted by Ben Jones

Final score: Tondy 29, Carmarthen Quins 0.

EJ

Bryncethin's pacy backs set the under-10s a tricky problem

TONDU under-10s took the short away trip to Bryncethin for the second meeting of the sides this season.

The game was started with the kick-off to Bryncethin and Tondy playing up the hill.

The opening exchanges featured strong runs from both sides, countered by some good tackling. The ball was given some air as Bryncethin passed through the backs to allow their winger to evade tackles and get the score board rolling.

Tondu came back strongly from the restart and gained ground into the Bryncethin half. The attack was only stopped when a maul less than five metres out strayed into touch. Tondy continued to pressurise and from a close range penalty, the ball was passed to Garryn Thomas to bundle over. Ben Merchant kicked the extras for Tondy to take the lead.

Bryncethin, however, were stung back into action and again spread the ball wide to attack down the flanks. This resulted in the Tondy defence lacking width and Bryncethin went straight down the middle to re-gain the lead. This try was converted.

Despite their best efforts Tondy were unable to get a further score before the end of the half, but Bryncethin made the most of their downhill advantage and scored another converted try before the whistle.

The second half saw

Tondu kicking down hill and several changes were made. This half saw a change of fortune for the Tondy youngsters as they gained momentum with the slope. Some good running from Josh Evans made ground for Tondy, as did efforts from Ryan Kershaw and Garryn Thomas, but the final pass, or lack of it, saw the attacks fizzle out.

It was Bryncethin who got the first score of the half but failed with the conversion. Tondy continued to play and pressurised the Bryncethin line time and again to no

avail. It fell to the last play of the game for Tondy to get their just rewards. The ball came out and some slick running by Ben Merchant and Jamie Richards opened up the defence and Ben Merchant ran through the gap for a try. He came close to converting his own score but hit the upright.

Full time: Bryncethin 24, Tondy 12.

It was a much better effort from the Tondy youngsters this week. Rucks were hit and cleared, and there were

some very good tackles by Morgan David, Jamie Richards and Josh Evans. Jamie Richards was awarded Tondy star of the game.

Tondy squad: Ben Merchant, Josh Davies, Iwan Knight, Garryn Thomas, Shannon Price, Taylor Lloyd, Ryan Kershaw, Morgan David, Jamie Richards, Josh Evans, Jack Llewellyn, Morgan-Owen Evans, Megan Flaherty, Joe Duffill and Eleri Knight.

JK

Excellent win for under-9s

TONDU under-9s travelled the short distance to Bryncethin, looking to build on a positive start to the season. Due to the size of each squad, it was agreed to play three periods, to give each player plenty of game time.

Just as the match was about to start the heavens opened and it's a great credit to both sets of players that they managed to put on an exciting, end-to-end game of rugby in terrible conditions.

The first period was fiercely contested in the forwards, with good rucking and mauling skills on display, and the only score went to Tondy as Nathan Harris showed good speed to touch down.

The second period started with Bryncethin attacking, but tremendous defence from Tondy kept them at bay. As the game wore on Tondy began to control the ball and eventually a try came when Nathan Harris received the ball at pace and powered between two tacklers to score in the corner.

In the third period Bryncethin put together a good spell of pressure,

stretching the Tondy defence. After heroic defending on their own try line the pressure eventually told and Bryncethin drove over for a good team try, cutting the lead to 2-1.

Tondy, however, responded almost immediately when excellent handling skills quickly moved the ball wide for Ellis Mathews to speed down the touchline for the vital third try.

All in all, it was a tremendous performance from both teams in atrocious conditions, showing good teamwork, strong tackling, and sharp finishing skills.

Final score: Bryncethin 1, Tondy 3.

Tondy team: Luke Brett, Luke Dingle, Ciaran Edwards, Nathan Harris, Cameron Keegans, James Murray, Harry Olding, Morgan Strong, Jacob Thomas, Ieuan Wallis, Luke Dingle, Lewis Dyke, Ciaran Edwards, Nathan Harris, Ellis Mathews, Lewis Oates, Harry Olding, Morgan Strong, Callum Vause, Morgan Williams, Luke Brett, Lewis Dyke, Cameron Keegans, Ellis Mathews, James Murray, Lewis Oates, Jacob Thomas, Callum Vause, Ieuan Wallis, Morgan Williams.

KV

Cougars put the squeeze on Swansea University opponents

THE Cougars visited new additions to the league, Swansea University, in what was to be a competitive second round cup game.

Travelling with a thin squad of only nine players, the Cougars' clear objective was to put the tie out of reach before the second leg.

A very scrappy first quarter saw the teams trade baskets for the most part, with Cougars able to gain a slight edge, taking a 22-15 lead. Ryan Chambers and Rhodri Went formed an effective backcourt partnership,

scoring the bulk of the Cougars points.

The second quarter mirrored the first, with neither team able to assert themselves and make a sizeable run. Despite another competitive quarter, the Cougars used their superior experience to stay composed and take a 44-32 lead into the break.

A balanced scoring effort throughout the second half, combined with tough team defence at times, ensured that the Cougars built on their lead and took a 68-47 advantage into the final quarter. Lee Davies was particularly impressive,

displaying a good combination of passing and scoring ability.

The fourth period was an even affair with the university scoring from a number of different players and positions.

However, excellent shooting from Went and tough interior play from Jeff Brimmell sealed the win. The game finished with Cougars taking an

85-66 victory.

The second leg of this second round cup-tie is to be played at the Cougars' home court in Kenfig Hill. The Cougars will be looking for a more complete team performance from start to finish.

Cougars' player of the game: Lee Davies.

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PHILLIPS
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Peacefully on November 8 at UHW, Cardiff, Graham of Llantwit Major (retired manager of Barclays Bank), beloved husband of Dilwen, much loved by his children and grandchildren. Funeral Friday November 20, service 12 noon at St Illtud's Church, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 1.45pm. No flowers by request, donations if desired to St Illtud's Church c/o J James, 11 Fonnnon Road, Rhosce CF62 3DZ.

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Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools track and field presentation evening

TWO Vale students scooped the three top awards at the recent Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools Track & Field Presentation Evening at Cardiff High School.

For Penarth resident Elinor Lewis, the evening ended with two awards. The multi-talented Bro Morgannwg sixth former has had another outstanding summer. After helping her school to its first-ever victory in the opening track and field fixture of the summer – the Senior Cup Final – at the new Leckwith stadium, she claimed two titles at the senior championships – the pole vault (with a new championship best of 3.30 metres) and the triple jump – and added to that the senior pentathlon title at the Combine Events championships.

It was at the Welsh Schools Nationals, at new Leckwith in July, that she made a major breakthrough. She won the senior girls' pole vault title for the first time, but this was her third National Schools title in four years, and, for the fourth consecutive year, she set a new championship best – of 3.74 metres.

That performance, coupled with her unique Welsh Schools record, resulted in her receiving the Frank Ireland cup, for the outstanding Cardiff & the Vale Schools' track and field athlete, and the Bob Cypher award and bursary.

Barry sixth former Curtis Mathews was the second award winner. The Cwm Talwg resident first made his mark in 2008 when, as a fifth former, he won the Cardiff & the Vale Schools' middle boys combined events title and went on to claim second place in the Welsh Schools' championships at Carmarthen.

After that summer success, he was invited to the Welsh Schools trials at NIAC in November and, in December, made his international debut for the under-18 team at the SIAB Indoor Combined Events championships at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow. For being a member of that team, he received his international plaque at this presentation evening.

This summer, he has made huge strides, claiming three individual wins at both the Cardiff & Vale senior cup and senior championships in April and setting a new championships best for the senior boys age group at the combined events championships in May.

At Welsh Schools, he won the senior boys combined events at Swansea, and followed that up by competing for the Cardiff & the Vale Schools in the long jump, high jump, discus and B relay team at the Welsh Schools nationals, winning the high jump.

In addition to his schools' competition, the Barry & Vale Harriers has been training regularly with John Hartley at the club, and has worked on decathlon events with Mike Guest and, on the first weekend in September, represented Wales in the under-20 age group at the Home Countries combined events International at Stoke, scoring a very encouraging 5,516 points on his debut.

At the presentation evening, his progress was underlined by the award of the Capitol Shopping Centre Cup for Endeavour.

Sadly, neither of these talented athletes was able to represent Welsh Schools this summer because the planned celebration under-20 international, intended to mark 50 years since the first schools' international at Colwyn Bay in 1959, was not held.

The one major trophy which did not go to a Vale school was the overall championship points trophy. Four schools, including Bro Morgannwg and Cowbridge, had totals of more than a 1,000 over the eight age groups, but the award went to Cardiff High School, with a score of 1,757.

Two year-11 pupils received international plaques for representing Welsh Schools this summer. Jamie Sexton has been the busier of the two with the St Richard Gwyn pupil competing in the 100 metres and the relay at the SIAB under-17 international in Antrim in July, finishing third in the 100 (11.10) and helping the relay squad to second place, and in the relay team at the UK School Games at Leckwith in September, where the team finished third.

St Cyres powerhouse James Wiltshire was the second pupil. Having finished second to Paul Bennett (Dyfed) at the Nationals over 400, he was, sadly, not available for the SIAB fixture but was selected for the 4 x 400 team at the UK School Games. He produced storming second leg runs in both the Saturday heat and the Sunday final, but an injury affected squad finished out of the medals in fifth place.

Although they missed out on the overall championship points award, four Vale school did receive team awards. Bro Morgannwg retained the junior girls championships trophy and had success in the cup competitions at under-20 and under-16. Cowbridge claimed three championship trophies – both senior sections and the year-7 boys – while

Report by PETER MORRIS, Pictures by IAN DIXON

Barry now have the under-16 boys B final trophy in their cabinet, and Llantwit have the equivalent girls' award, plus a six months holding of the under-14 A Cup Final trophy, which they share with Cardiff High.

At the end of the evening, the Cardiff & Vale Schools' chairman, Mr Rob Glaves of St Cyres, recorded the association's thanks to a number of groups and individuals for their help and support through the summer programme. Included in the list were: Mr Bob Cypher and his wife Min; Mr Ted Nicholson (British Red Cross); Mr Ian Dixon (photographer); the staff of the Vale Council and Jenner Park; the Vale of Glamorgan Council for its grant aid; team managers – Mrs Laura Burnett (St Richard Gwyn), Mrs Melissa Hunter (Stanwell), Mr John Patterson (Llantwit), and Mr Glan Williams (Cowbridge); and to the Vale newspapers, which reported our events.

On a very sad note, the Frank Ireland cup, given to the association by its former president, was presented on the evening before he died. His funeral is due to take place at Cardiff's Thornhill Cemetery on Thursday, September 24, at 11.45 am.

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MIDDLE BOYS – Years 10 and 11: Reuben Tucker (Cow) SP 12.21; Rhys Allin (Cow) 800 2:15.5; Sam Bunkham (Cow) TJ 12.03; Scott Hewins (Llantwit) JT 42.88; Bradley Cole (St Cy) HT 31.41; James Wiltshire (St Cy) 400 53.3; Jamie Sexton (St Rich G) 100 11.4.

MIDDLE GIRLS: Jamie Trewicks (Bro M) JT 19.44; Lia Thomas (Bro M) TJ 8.81; Shanelle Edwards (Bro M) LJ 4.72; Nisha Shie (Cow) HJ 1.40; Bethan Daw (St Cy) 1500 5:22.3; Lauren McCarthy (St Cy) 300 43.2; Eloise Laity (West) 800 2:32.7.

JUNIOR BOYS – Years 8 and 9: Arran Reid (Barry) 200 24.62; Matthew Edwards (Barry) 1500 4:37.15; Matthew Roan (St Cy) HJ 1.60; Tom Smith (Stan) TJ 10.87.

JUNIOR GIRLS: Fern Mason (Bro M) JT 23.57; Nancie Edwards (Cow) 1000 Walk 25.72; Lucy Tarrant (Llantwit) 800 2:34.03; Lucy Taylor (Llantwit) LJ 4.48; Caitlin Bryant (The Cathedral) 1500 5:17.27.

YEAR-7 BOYS: George Griffiths (Cow) 100, LJ 3.2, 4.67; Harry Dowell-Bennett (Cow) DT 22.47; Joshua Thomas (Cow) 800 2:28.6; Ben Brown (Llantwit) 1000 walk 5:56.8; Hugo Billington (Llantwit) SP 9.65.

YEAR-7 GIRLS: Chelsea Siirak (Bro M) 200 29.5; Annabel Curle (Cow) HJ 1.35; Jordan Carpenter (Cow) 800 2:40.6; Danielle Dakin-Weston (Llantwit) JT 19.82; Ellis Auclaus (St Cy) DT 17.50; Kate Coker (Stan) 1500 5:29.7.

AWARDS TO 2009 SPORTSHALL WINNERS – UNDER-13 BOYS – Years 7 and 8: Rhys Elms (Cow) Speed Bounce 82.

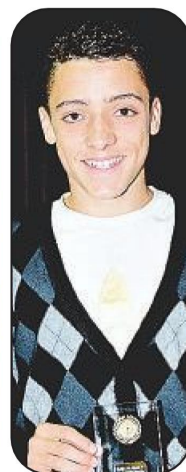
UNDER-15 BOYS – Years 9 and 10: Ben Harding (St Cyres) Shot 12.70; Sam Street (Cow) Speed Bounce 80.

Certificates to athletes who competed at the Welsh Sportshall Finals, at Cwmbran Stadium, March 1 – Under-13 Boys – Team 3rd – 507: Daniel Matthews (Cow) Standing LJ 2.02; George Griffiths (Cow) Standing LJ 2.32; Rhys Elms (Cow) Speed Bounce 83; Che Pomphrey (St Cyres) 4 Laps, VJ 63.5, 50; George Hooper (St Cyres) 2 Laps, Standing TJ 24.8. 5.90; Zach Harris (St Cyres) 2 Laps, Speed B 27.1. 71.

Under-13 Girls – Team 4th – 489: Liz Whitehouse (Cow) Vertical Jump 50; Sarah Lewis (Cow) Standing Triple Jump 5.35.



ABOVE:
Senior Girls, who received district colours medals for representing Cardiff & the Vale Schools district at Welsh Schools championships this summer. Vale athletes included are Elinor Lewis, Leah Grisdale (both Bro Morgannwg) and Ayla Phillips (Llantwit). The fourth athlete is Lauren Regan (St David's College).



ABOVE:
Promising sprinter Arran Reid received the u16 B Cup Final trophy on behalf of Barry Comprehensive.



ABOVE:
Mrs Min Cypher presents the Capitol Shopping Centre Endeavour Cup to Barry Comprehensive sixth former Curtis Mathews.

Middle Boys – 2nd – 106: Jake Connelly (Bro M); Oliver Trotman (Cow); Rhys Allin (Cow); Tom Perry (Bro M); Sam Bunkham (Cow); Darren Jones (Llantwit); Scott Hewins (Llantwit); Ben Harding (St Cy); Bradley Cole (St Cy); James Wiltshire (St Cy); Jamie Sexton (St Rich G).

Middle Girls – 5th – 80: Lia Thomas (Bro M); Bethan Daw (St Cy); Lauren McCarthy (St Cy); Eloise Laity (West).

Junior Boys – 1st – 95: Matthew Roan (St Cy); Arran Reid (Barry); Matthew Edwards (Barry); George Connelly (Bro M); Gus McPherson (Cow); Cameron Jones (Stan); Tom Smith (Stan); Tom Williams (Stan).

Junior Girls – 3rd – 57: Fern Mason (Bro M); Maisie Matthews (Bro M); Lucy Tarrant (Llantwit); Lucy Taylor (Llantwit).

TEAM WINNERS at the Welsh Schools' Combined Events Championships at Swansea on 27/06/09: (a) Senior Boys: Captain – Curtis Mathews (Barry); (b) Senior Girls: Captain – Leah Grisdale (Bro M); (c) Middle Boys: Captain – Oliver Trotman (Cow).

TEAM WINNERS at the Welsh Schools' National Championships at Cardiff on 04/07/09: (a) Junior Boys: Captain – Cameron Jones (Stan); (b) Senior Boys: Captain – Adam Jones (Stan).

AWARD TO ATHLETES WHO GAINED INTERNATIONAL SELECTION: (a) For Welsh Schools at the SIAB Combined Events International at Glasgow, Scotland – 13 December, 2008: Under-18 Boys: Curtis Mathews (Barry); (b) For Welsh Schools at the SIAB u17 track & field international held at Antrim on July 18: Under-17 Boys: Jamie Sexton (St Rich G); (c) For Welsh Schools at the 4th UK School Games held at Cardiff on September 5/6: Under-17 Boys: Jamie Sexton (St Rich G); James Wiltshire (St Cyres).

SPECIAL AWARDS – (a) The School gaining most points in the Championships – Cardiff High; (b) The Frank Ireland Cup – Elinor Lewis (Bro M); (c) The Capitol Shopping Centre Cup for Endeavour – Curtis Mathews (Barry); (d) The Bob Cypher Award & bursary – Elinor Lewis (Bro M).

ABOVE:
Elinor Lewis (Bro Morgannwg) receives the Frank Ireland Cup for the outstanding athlete, from former GB triple jump international Mr Graham Webb, President of Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' AA.

Under-15 Boys – Team 4th – 477: Harri Hitchcock (Cow) 4L, SLJ, SB 61.5, 2.25, 68; Sam Street (Cow) 2L, SLJ, SB 24.4, 2.11, 80; Ben Harding (St Cyres) 2L, SLJ, SP 24.7, 12.95, 2.14.

AWARD OF TRACK AND FIELD COLOURS to athletes who competed for Cardiff & the Vale Schools at the Welsh Schools' Championships (a) Combined Events at Swansea on June 27: Senior Boys – Under-20: Curtis Mathews (Barry); Sam Booker (Llantwit).

Senior Girls – Under-20: Savannah Taylor (Bro M); Leah Grisdale (Bro M).

Middle Boys – Under-17: Jake Connelly (Bro M); James Glaves (Bro M); Richard Pilcher (Bro M); Oliver Trotman (Cow); Rhys Allin (Cow); Samuel Morgan (Cow); Charlie Halpin (St John's); Tom Phillips (Stan).

Middle Girls – Under-17: Ellie Carter (Bryn H); Natalie Parsons (Llantwit).

Junior Boys – Under-15: Mathew Roan (St Cy).

Junior Girls – Under-15: Chloe Phillips (Llantwit).

(b) National Championships at Cardiff on July 4: Senior Boys – 1st – 114: Curtis Mathews (Barry); Sam Booker (Llantwit); Tom Whitmarsh-Knight (Bro M); Tom Williams (Bro M); Matt Wilcox (Cow); Josh Hill (Llantwit); Adam Jones (Stan).

Senior Girls – 2nd – 90: Leah Grisdale (Bro M); Victoria Jackson (Barry Coll); Elinor Lewis (Bro M); Heather Jarvis (Cow); Maddi Edgeworth (Cow); Sian Balchin (Kings M); Ayla Phillips (Llantwit).

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DOUBLE FOR EVAN LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams landed a 75-1 across the card double with *Gilwen Glory* (4-1) and *Dusk* (14-1) last week.

The former, ridden by

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee



Dean Coleman being unseated at Ystradowen.

Photograph by JOHN BEASLEY.

Christian Williams, scored at Exeter and the latter, partnered by stable jockey Paul Moloney, won at Lingfield.

TIM SCORES FOR OWEN LEGENDARY football player Michael Owen recently sent three horses to be trained at Aberthaw by Tim Vaughan, who wasted no time

by winning with the first runner, *Holoko Heights*, at Southwell.

Tim, who has taken the horse racing world by storm, is the country's leading trainer (in terms of winners) and his conditional jockey, Deano Coleman from Cowbridge, like his stable jockey, Welshman Richard Johnson, has done him proud this season.

COWBRIDGE Rugby Club recently held a golf tournament for past and present players and associates over the testing Mackintosh Course at Cottrell Park.

A total of 39 hardy golfers faced the elements and competed for individual and team prizes.

The pre-tournament favourite, Rob Calcaterra, recent winner of the Farmers Golf Society meeting at Machynys, captained the 'dream' team alongside brother Richard and the father-and-son combination of Keith and Jamie Gibson.

Competition was expected from the Penllyn trio of Dai Llewellyn, Rob Llewellyn and Neil McLean, who teamed up with local legal expert Tosh Taylor.

Back row legends Peter Hopkin, Martin Edwards, Clive Thomas and Rob Price appeared to be serious contenders for the team award,



Rob Price (part owner of Etoile D'or), Brian Owen (winner) and tournament organiser Glyn Thomas.

especially after Peter's scintillating opening six holes.

Despite the rain, the team's spirit was raised when news filtered through that Rob Price's syndicate horse, *Etoile D'or*, trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthaw, had won the Top Signs Handicap Hurdle at Hexham. However, unlike *Etoile*, their challenge withered as the rain took its toll.

Justin Millet, Christopher Powell and second row forward

Alex Lewis were handicapped with only having three members in their team, but they battled on to a creditable fourth place.

Chris Rooney, Gareth Pritchard, Neil Williams and club secretary Alun Griffiths formed a formidable team, and were in contention for the team award, eventually finishing joint second.

Club chairman Lyn Thomas captained a team containing Brian Owen, Rhys Thomas and Wyn Davies.

Consistent scoring ensured they finished in joint second.

Having enjoyed the hospitality of the Cottrell Park clubhouse, the awards ceremony took place at the Edmondson Arms.

In the team event, it was no surprise that the Calcaterras and Gibsons took the award by a distance.

In the individual event, Jamie Gibson, with 35 points, took third place, losing out on second place to Alex

Lewis on count back. Despite Jamie and Alex's brave efforts, the victor, with 36 points, was Whitland-born Brian Owen.

Brian, who is no stranger to the columns of The GEM due to his regular successes with the Farmers Golf Society, epitomised the cliché 'When the going gets tough the tough get going'.

The 'Whitland Wizard', who played outside-half for Cowbridge in the 70s and early 80s, has not only successfully transferred his deft touches from the rugby pitch onto the putting green, but has also managed to have kept the handicap per at bay.

Further awards went to Neil McLean for the longest drive and to Dai John, Alex Lewis, Brian Owen and Christopher Powell for 'nearest the pin'.

Best endeavour went to Bertie Bassett look-alike Will Young.

All players were extremely grateful to Glyn Thomas and Rob Price for organising the tournament.

Does this mystery photo ring a bell?



ABOVE:

Local author Brian Lee is keen to find out if any GEM reader can supply any information about the above photograph. It is believed to be about 50 years old, and was definitely taken "somewhere in Glamorgan" but that is all he has to go on. Anyone with information should contact Brian Lee on 02920 736438.

Llantwit under-10s find that pressure pays off

LLANTWIT MAJOR under-10s played host to Abercwmboi on Sunday in the first round of the Blues cup, and what a game it was!

The boys started very strongly with forceful forward play by the pack. Even when Llantwit did lose the ball, their defence was superb with Oliver Rowbottom and Joe Baker continually causing the visitors problems at the breakdown with their good ball stealing in the tackle area.

The backs were also effective, with the two centres charging up at the Abercwmboi defence and forcing errors.

After six minutes it paid off when a dropped ball by the visitors saw Ellis Simon run half the pitch to slide over for the opening try.

Morgan Gore converted to make it

7-0 the the Major.

Llantwit continued to apply pressure through the forwards and a couple of good driving mauls by Luke Pilcher and Ewan Briggs saw gaps opening up for the speedy backs to attack.

The visitors then started to play a bit of rugby and tested the defence, but the boys held their own and forced an error on the visitors' tryline. Joe Baker dived on the ball to score.

Morgan Gore converted to make it 14-0 the final score.

A big happy birthday to captain of the day, Rhys Richards!

Squad: Rhys Richards (captain), Luke Pilcher, Nick Harris, Ewan Briggs, Callum Young, Oliver Rowbottom, Joe Baker, Morgan Gore, Sam Bluck, Jason Grice, Ellis Simon, Harry Lovell, Ieuan Williams.

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Glory for Cowbridge pupils at Welsh badminton event

RIGHT: Rhys Mallows, county singles under-15 winner, Wil Painter, runner-up.



Jordan Guard, county champion girls under-18 singles, Alistair Brace, under-18 boys runner-up plate, Katie Bradbury, under-18 girls singles runner-up.



BADMINTON The Cardiff & Vale Schools badminton singles championships were held at the Welsh Institute of Sport, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff.

All matches are in group stages with winners and runners-up going through to the main tournament. All other players go into the plate competition.

Under-18 boys: Huw Williams lost in the last eight by 21-16. Jack Scanlan and Dayle Painter lost in the first round.

Under-18 girls: Sabrina James lost 21-15 in the last eight. Sara Edwards and Emily Renwick both lost in the semi-final.

Katie Bradbury lost to Jordan Guard in the final by 21-16, 21-14.

Under-15 boys: Harley Wilkinson and Chris Brace lost in the quarter-final of the Plate.

Under-15 girls: The following boys won all group matches but lost in the first round knockout: Tim Pickin, James Caseley, Isaac Richmond, Harri Collier,

George Francis. James Hendy lost 21-17 in the semi-final; William Painter lost 21-17, 21-16 in the final.

Under-15 girls: Plate – Amy Oliver and Millie Booth lost in the quarter-final; Liz Whitehouse lost in the semi-final; Lois Palmer won 21-10, 21-16.

Mari Boxall was knocked out in the first round; Rachel Bradshaw, Sophie Gallagher, Annabel Drew in the quarter-final; and Naduni Jayishye Romy Killick in the semi. In the final, Jess Oliver lost 21-17, 21-16.

Under-13 boys: Plate – Cai Allin, Lloyd Elms lost in quarter-final. Knocked out in first round were: Alex Guard, Alex Greaves, Matthew Howells; Sean Rowland and Harri Scanlon lost in the quarters, and Mathew Kamal lost in the semis.

Under-13 girls: Plate – Holly Pitcock made the quarter-final and Ellie Cridland was the winner. Semi finalists were Nia Patel, Olivia Brown, Kate Llewellyn, and Jordan Carpenter won the final 21-16, 21-13



Ellie Cridland, winner under-13 girls singles plate.



Wil Beech, under-18 singles plate winner.



Lois Palmer under-15 girls singles plate winner.

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COTTRELL PARK PAIR TAKE ON THE WORLD

RHODRI Davies and Steve Wood proudly represented Cottrell Park and Wales at the International Pairs World Final 2009 at Carnoustie and Monifieth recently.

Qualifying with 47 points from Cottrell Park in April 2008 and playing off handicaps of six and four respectively, the pair then won the regional final at The Players Club at Bristol in August 2008. This in turn progressed Rhodri and Steve to the UK final at Carnoustie in October 2008.

The pair played very well and at the end of the two-day UK final found themselves in fourth place overall, but more importantly the top Welsh pairing, guaranteeing an invitation to the World Final in 2009.

The International Pairs World Final was to be played at Monifieth Golf Club, about five miles from Carnoustie,

against players who had travelled from all over the world including Canada, America, South Africa, Nigeria, Europe, and Israel.

Neither Rhodri nor Steve had played much in the last year due to Rhodri's wife having a baby and Steve moving to Saudi Arabia for work and they had only played together once since the UK final in 2008.

However, on the first day of the competition at Monifieth, Steve and Rhodri started with birdies on 1, 4, 5 and 8 for 21 points.

The back nine at Monifieth is definitely harder than the front nine and after 16 holes they were still scoring but not picking up any three-pointers.

Steve took the honour on 17 and scored three points into the wind on one of the hardest par four holes on the course. The 18th is a par five and Steve hit his three wood second shot three feet from the hole and



Rhodri Davies and Steve Wood on the first tee.

promptly slotted the putt for an eagle and four points. They were tied for second after the first day with 43 points and getting a little excited.

Carnoustie deserves its reputation. Jean Van de Velde's disaster in the burn on 18th in the 1999 Open Championship is still talked about around Carnoustie, but the truth is Jean did amateurs a favour. Treat the last two holes at Carnoustie with respect or you will pay the ultimate price.

Steve and Rhodri had a disastrous front nine holes in the 2008 UK final at Carnoustie, and they were determined to play it better this time around. However, it was not to be, as cavernous bunkers, burns in the wrong places, three putts

and poor club selections meant a similar score to last year.

Dejected and heads hung low, they tackled the back nine knowing that their chances of winning were gone again. A couple of birdies on the back nine for four-pointers were not enough as their French Canadian teenage female playing partners were scoring three and four-pointers at will and powering ahead to eventually win with 83 points. Steve and Rhodri finished tied for third with 78 points.

A massive achievement, third best in the world out of tens of thousands of original competitors, putting Cottrell Park and Wales firmly in the amateur golfing spotlight.

Cowbridge teams slip off the top spot

COWBRIDGE A Bar 44 suffered their second defeat of the season away to Cardiff Vets to slip from top spot in South Wales Division 2 East 'C'.

They still hold second place, only four points behind leaders Cadicot, while the Vets are 22 points behind Cowbridge A.

Simon Payne, guesting from the 'B' side, fired the As off to a fine start with another 3-0 victory at No 5.

This was followed up by a further 3-0 win from Niall Sloan, and so gain revenge over Noel McConkey who had edged it 3-2 in the corresponding fixture in Cowbridge a few weeks ago.

Despite this fine platform, the remaining performers managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

Surprisingly, numbers 3, 2 and 1 all lost with Garfield Leask going down 0-3, and the previ-

ously unbeaten Jon Bisson losing 1-3 to true veteran Alan James.

Cardiff No 1 Dave Driscoll inflicted Nick Guard's first defeat of the campaign also. (Match result 7-13).

This week, the As play host to Monmouth and hope for a repeat of their 5-0 success earlier in the season.

Cowbridge B Bar 44 also lost the lead in their respective league (South Glamorgan Division One) to Fairwater - the Bs had no match while Fairwater took full advantage with a 5-0 (19-3) thumping of Barry.

This sets up this week's top of the table showdown when the Bs visit Fairwater (Wednesday) 11 points adrift but with a match in hand.

Cowbridge C find themselves near the relegation zone with a daunting visit to run away leaders Rhiwbina D (the Cs have a match in hand, however).

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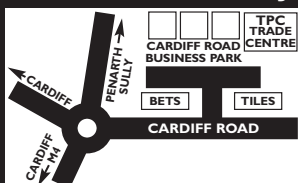
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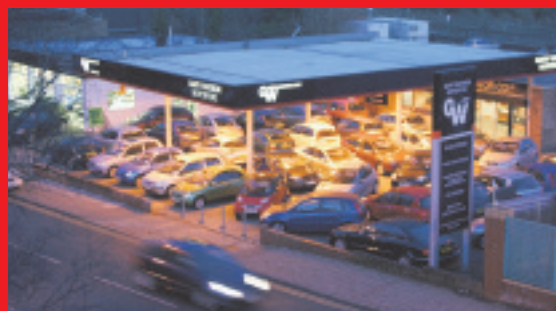
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GEM sport

BRIDGEND BOXING CLUB IS GETTING READY TO RUMBLE!

A NEW amateur boxing club will be formally opened tomorrow (Friday) in Ewenny Road, Ogmere, on the site of the former Volvo showrooms.

Throughout Wales there are some 114 such boxing clubs catering for young men and women.

Remarkably, there has never been such a club in Bridgend and this came to the notice of Mrs Glenda Hegarty of Computer Bridgend Ltd (CBL), well-known local benefactor, who decided to do something to help the youth of the area.

Mrs Hegarty joined up with

David East, a former Chief Constable of South Wales Police and now president of the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association.

Numerous sponsors have been encouraged to lend financial support to the venture. The premises have been provided by CBL and are now equipped to a high standard with changing facilities, a boxing ring and training apparatus, Mr East reported.

"It is hoped that many young people in the Bridgend area will join the club and take advantage of what has been provided. I am totally supportive of amateur boxing and have seen at first hand the discipline and sportsmanship that it provides for young people,

often in areas where there is little else for them to focus on.

"The new Bridgend Boxing Club will be a first class venue and I hope there will soon be a large and vibrant membership," Mr East added.

The formal opening will be carried out by Nicky Piper, former boxing champion and now very successful TV commentator.

Anyone wishing to join the Bridgend Club should contact the secretary David Francis on 01446 790099 (H) or 079733 07882 (M) Email davidbf@btconnect.com

After almost slip sliding away against Samoa... Wales know there will be no room for error against rampaging Pumas

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

IF the defeat to the All Blacks had again underlined Welsh shortcomings in terms of clinical control at key moments, taking their scoring opportunities, and closing down cliff-edge games, the frailties were even more cruelly exposed by a Samoan squad that had been together for just three or four days.

Remarkably, some 60,000 supporters had again loyally poured into Cardiff's Millennium stadium on a dismal, rain-stormed Friday night for the second (and, arguably, easiest) of the four autumn Tests, hoping the lessons of the previous week had been absorbed.

In the event, despite the narrow 17-13 win, fans would have shared the obvious frustration of the coaches at the lack of composure that saw oodles of quality possession and huge territorial advantage squandered, with basic handling errors and fatal lapses in concentration that almost cost Wales dearly in the end.

After watching his struggling team, showing just four changes from the New Zealand match, fail to convert overwhelming superiority in all phases into an emphatic lead, Wales' none too happy head coach Warren Gatland's terse comment was: "We should have finished the game off earlier".

Not that the fiercely competitive, individually-talented Samoans were regarded as a push-over by the Welsh camp – far from it. Their success rate against Wales speaks for

itself, particularly on two best-forgotten World Cup occasions!

However, given their lack of preparation, compared to the settled Welsh squad's extended time together, the latter should surely have made this a far more telling factor in their favour.

Instead, the errors, erratic decision-making, and familiar tendency to switch off at critical junctures, meant a glut of promising opportunities went begging and it was Wales who were clinging on desperately to their slender lead at the end.

No doubt the mangled, slippery state of the Millennium stadium pitch did not help the free-flowing style of play that Gatland's Wales aspire to; and it is just as well that the WRU is replacing it (for the umpteenth time!) with the more testing encounter against the rugged Argentines on Saturday, and Australia lurking in the wings.

The players well know that they are now going to have to step up several gears if Gatland's goal of three wins out of four is to be realised; notwithstanding the ill luck that has shorn the team of key individuals, most notably their only specialist tight head, Adam Jones (how they could use him on Saturday against the truly formidable Pumas front row!)

The coaches, though, will have been encouraged by some fine individual performances, particularly with the timely return to form of Dwayne Peel to fill the scrum half gap left by the injured Mike Phillips; and also that of wing Leigh Halfpenny.

Stop gap full back, James Hook again demonstrated his versatility with an accomplished display; though the thought persists that his unique talents really lie in his favoured No 10 position.

Regrettably, this gifted player may yet have to leave the Ospreys (and even, perhaps, Wales) in order to make his point and avoid being labelled Wales' perennial 'utility man'.

Be that as it may, for now all eyes turn to the Argentina test, and the announcement of the Wales team was awaited with more than usual interest.

After almost slipping up against Samoa, would Gatland give the young guns another bleeding, or fall back on more experienced heads?

The answer came on Tuesday, when Gatland announced only one change from the New Zealand game – Scarlets centre Jonathan Davies coming in for the injured Tom Shanklin, and Peel surprisingly having to settle for the bench.

WALES TEAM: James Hook, Leigh Halfpenny, Jamie Roberts, Jonathan Davies, Shane Williams, Stephen Jones, Gareth Cooper; Gethin Jenkins, Matthew Rees, Paul James, Alun-Wyn Jones, Luke Charteris, Andy Powell, Martyn Williams, Ryan Jones (captain).

Replacements: Huw Bennett, Duncan Jones, Bradley Davies, Dan Lydiate, Dwayne Peel, Andrew Bishop, Tom James.

Porthcawl rugby club hosts Macmillan 'thank you' night

RECENTLY, a 'Thank You to Macmillan' fundraising night was held at Porthcawl RFC.

The event was organised by club chairman Chris Wintle to give something back and help other people who may have been touched by cancer.

Just over a year ago, Chris, a local postman and retained firefighter, was diagnosed with leukaemia. During his long treatment with chemotherapy he also contracted tuberculosis. This was a difficult time



LEFT: Chris Wintle and Wendy Rowberry from Barclays Bank.

Natural Solutions for sponsoring the buffet, and the ladies who slaved in the kitchen to make the buffet, and everyone who donated prizes.

"A big thank you also to Dout Williams and Jayne James for comparing the evening and running the raffle/auction, and to Porthcawl RFC for sponsoring the room and the cabaret.

"A great night was had by all and a fantastic £3,000 was raised. Following this, Dout Williams donated a further £500 from the Sandville fundraising event, bringing the total to £3,500."

for Chris and his family, but he fought back and is now in remission.

On the evening, the rugby club was packed with people intent upon having a good time and raising lots of money.

A spokeswoman for the organisers, said:

"Thank you to the Seagull pub for their contributions from their Friday night quizzes, Barclays Bank for the pound for pound donation of £750, Brushstrokes, Shoe22 and Coastal Lettings for selling tickets, and

GEM QUIZ LEAGUE ROUND-UP

SCORES in Division One of The GEM Quiz League on Monday, November 9, were slightly lower than usual, but were spread pretty evenly.

Royal Oak Nomads opened a seven-point lead early on at Prince of Wales 'A' but a poor Individual round by them and an excellent one by the 'Prince' almost evened the scores. After that, however, Nomads pulled away again and eventually ran out winners by 44-36.

Two very close encounters took place; one at the Mackworth Arms where the home team lost by a single point to Oldcastle 'A' 43-42 and the other at the Royal Oak, Brynecethin where the Royals lost 42-41 to Maesteg Catholic Club.

Here, the visitors seemed to be facing defeat but came with a late surge to win the match by 42-41.

Llangeinor AFC have had two good wins recently, but Laleston Inn 'A' hit form to get their first victory of this campaign by 46-37. The bar where Llynfi Arms and Tondur Railway Club played is undergoing renovation and the temporarily cold and austere surroundings seemed to have affected both teams as the home side won by 33-29.

Division Two saw Prince of Wales 'B' stay on 100 per cent with a 44-36 victory at Pyle RFC, but both Cabo Roche and Swan Poachers kept up the pressure on the leaders by identical wins of 44-37 against Oddfellows Arms and the Gamekeepers respectively. A further point behind sees Llangewydd Arms who beat Laleston Inn 'B' 47-37.

Finally, Heol-y-Cyw RFC just took the honours at Oldcastle 'B' by 39-38.

HERE are four posers from recent league games:

1) What is the name of the stretch of water that separates Sweden from Denmark?
2) "Half a League, Half a League, Half a League Onwards" are the opening lines of which Tennyson poem?
3) In cycling, who in the Tour de France would wear the polka dot jersey?

4) In AD 64, which major city was devastated by a great fire that broke out on July 19?

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QUIZ ANSWERS:
1. Kattegat.
2. Charge of the Light Brigade.
3. King of the Mountains.
4. Rome.

B Attack ahead of the pack

GREG HOWELL starred as B Attack helped themselves to a fourth straight victory, 2-1 over Day Sleepers, to stay top of the Bridgend Six-a-side league.

Hangover Heroes stay second after sneaking home by the same score as Michael Faisler proved the difference against AC Brackla.

There was a nice, uniform look to the scores elsewhere, as Croissants and Team Girth both won 4-1 against Racing Inter and AFC Just 1 More Pie respectively.

Crusaders see record schools entry for knockout cup event

THE Crusaders and Wales Rugby League are delighted that they have a record number of schools entering the Carnegie Champions Schools Tournament for the 2009-10 competition.

Building on their success and popularity of Wales' recent European Cup Final win, a record 65 secondary

schools totalling approximately 150 individual teams will be taking to the field to compete for a place in the Welsh Final and then the national tournament.

This week sees the start of the year-11 competition in Wales, years 7-10 begin later this month while the colleges and sixth form competitions will kick-off in the new year.

One Welsh school, Brynteg, won the year-7 Champions Schools Final back in 2005 at the Millennium Stadium.

Many of their players are now taking the field for the Crusaders at youth levels, with two of them, Rhys and Ben Evans, signing professional forms for Warrington. They were in the full Wales squad this autumn.